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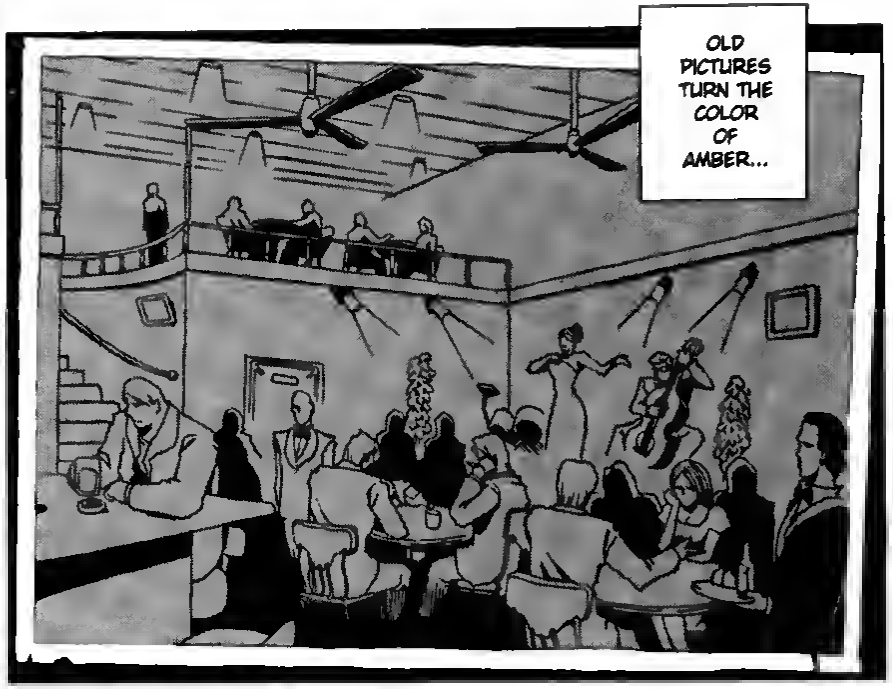
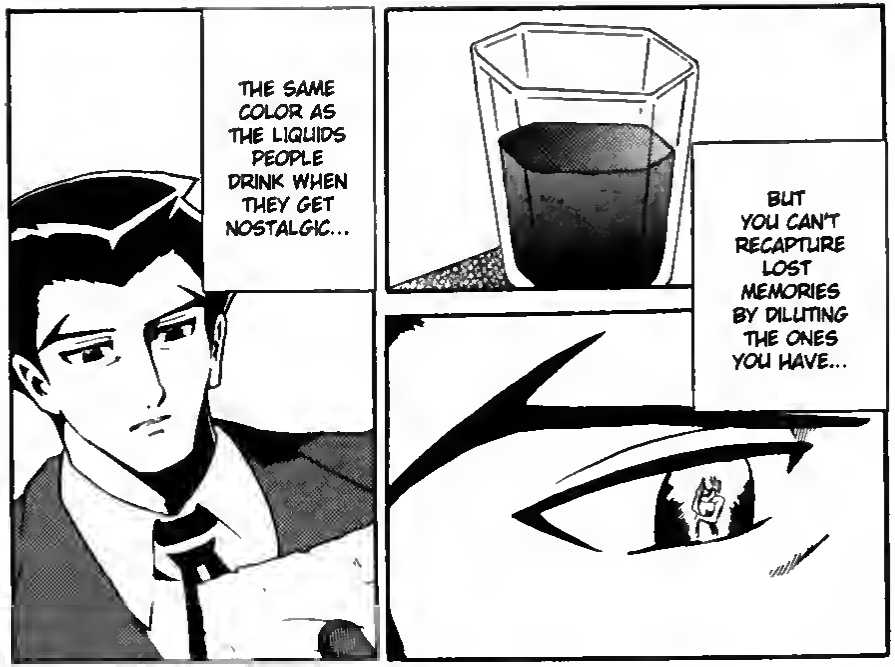
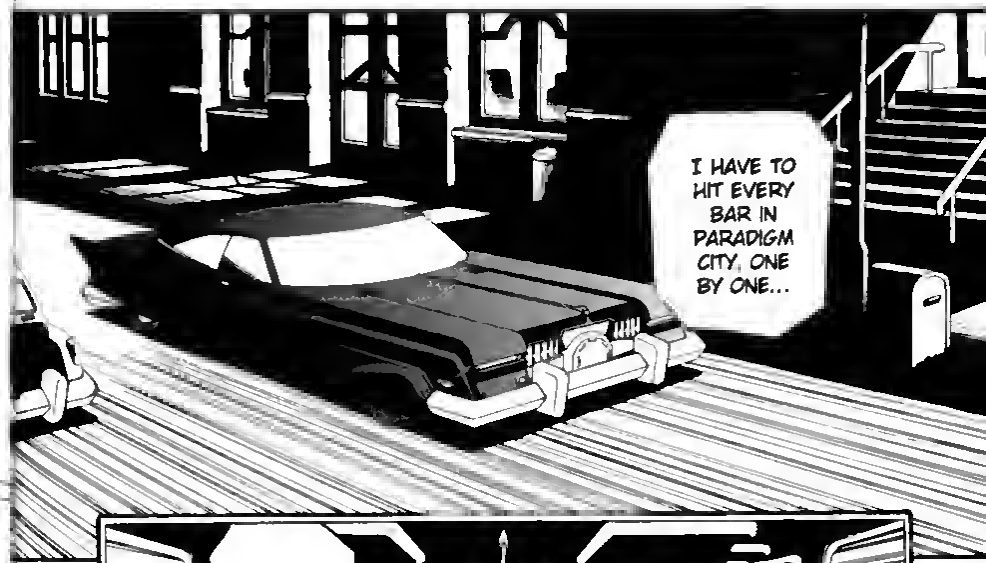
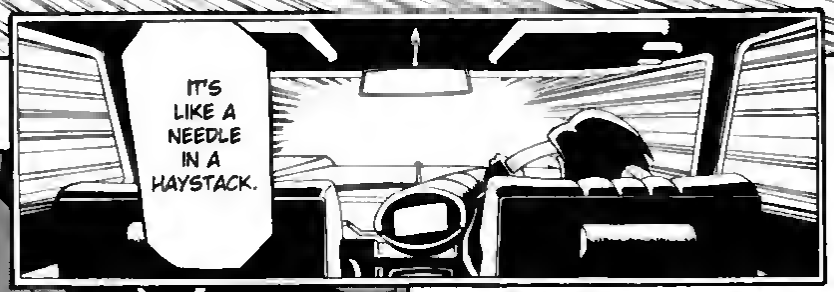


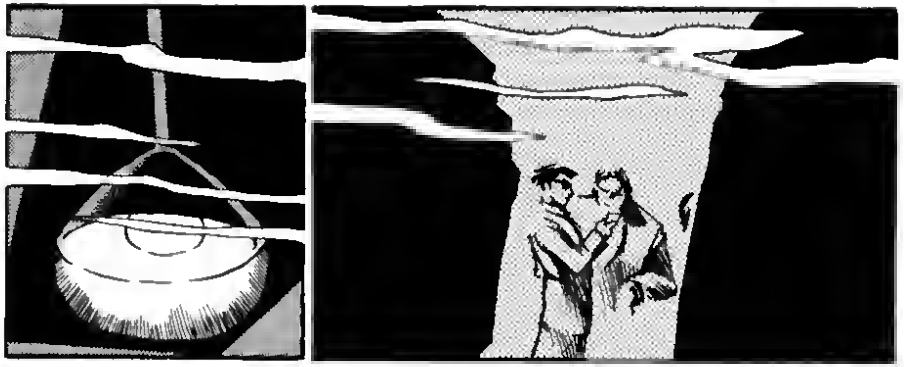

THE SAME COLOR AS THE LIQUIDS PEOPLE DRINK WHEN THEY GET NOSTALGIC...
BUT YOU CAN'T RECAPTURE LOST MEMORIES BY DILUTING THE ONES YOU HAVE...

Chapter 12:
TO THE ONE I CAN'T FORGET

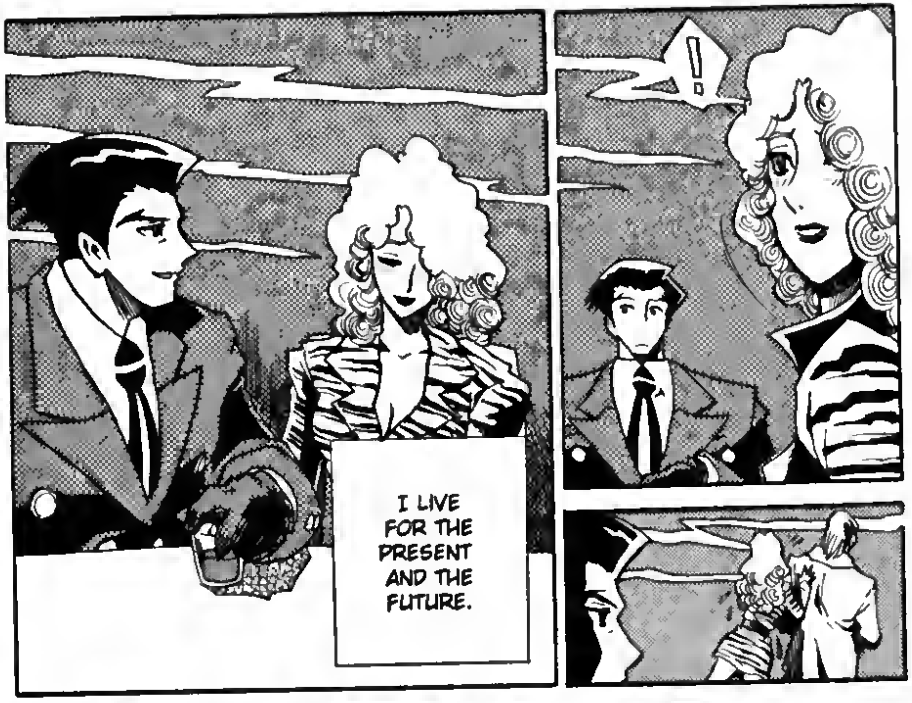




BUT THESE PEOPLE WANT TO DROWN THEMSELVES IN MEMORIES...



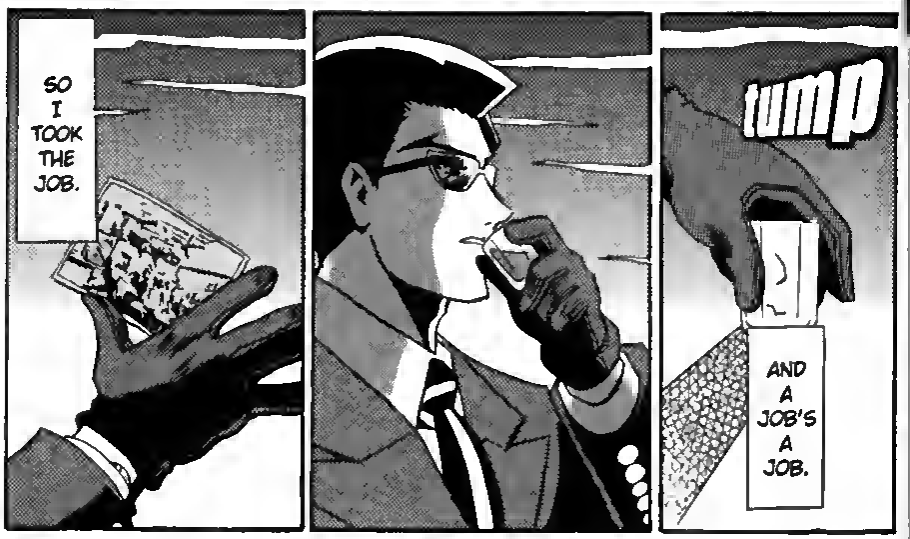
FOR ME, THE PAST IS PAST...


I LIVE FOR THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE.
!

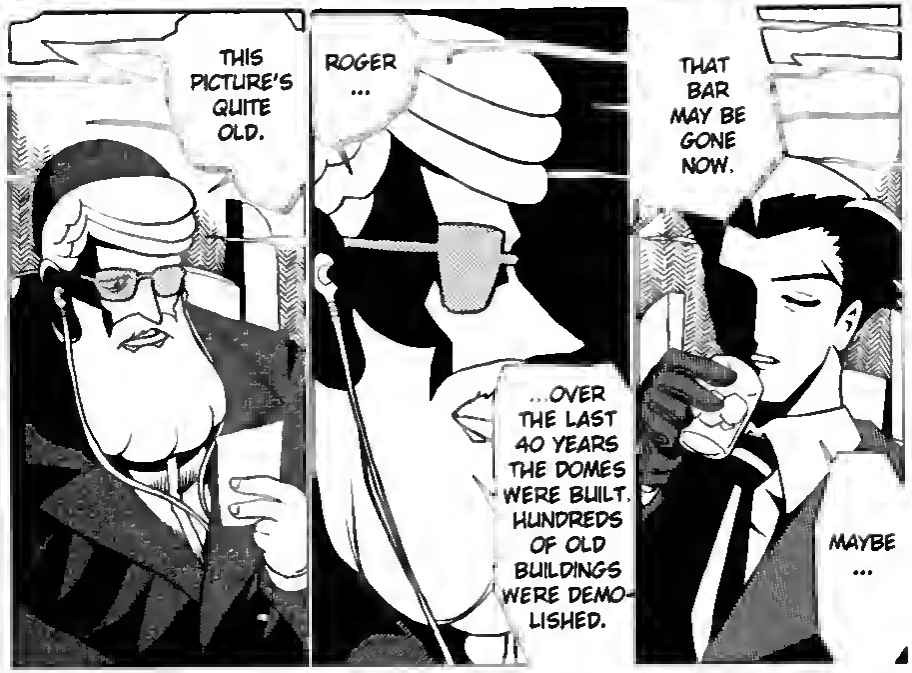
BUT PEOPLE STILL TRY TO GET BACK THE THINGS THEY'VE LOST IF THEY GET THE CHANCE.
Bar
Beer

THIS CLIENT IS PROBABLY OF THAT VARIETY.
MY FATHER USED TO BE A MAFIA BOSS.
PUFF
IT'S A SAD STORY...
WHEN HE LOST HIS MEMORIES 40 YEARS AGO HE LOST HIS POWER, TOO.
AFTER THAT, HE SCROUNGED FOR A MEAGER LIVING MANAGING SOME BARS AROUND TOWN.
EVERYTHING JUST SLIPPED THROUGH HIS FINGERS...
swip
MY FATHER DOESN'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT.
I HAVE MONEY.
I WANT YOU TO BUY BACK THE BAR THAT HOLDS SUCH FINE MEMORIES FOR MY FATHER.
?
...
I DON'T KNOW WHERE IT IS. THAT PICTURE IS THE ONLY CLUE.
MR. SMITH, WILL YOU HELP ME DO A FINAL KINDNESS FOR MY FATHER?
I HAVE TO FIND THIS BAR AND NEGOTIATE ITS PURCHASE.
HE PROBABLY WANTS TO SAVE A BUCK BY HAVING ME DO BOTH.

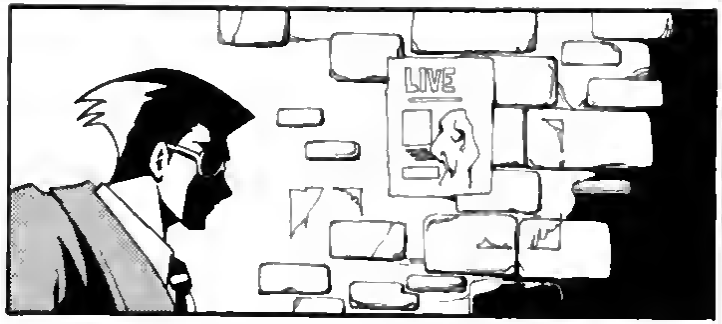
I DIDN'T REALLY LIKE THE GUY, BUT HIS SPIEL ABOUT FILIAL DEVOTION GOT TO ME.

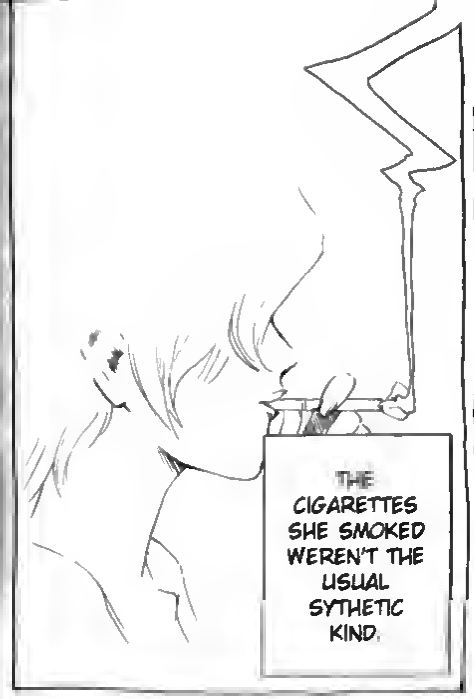

SO I TOOK THE JOB.
tump
AND A JOB'S A JOB.

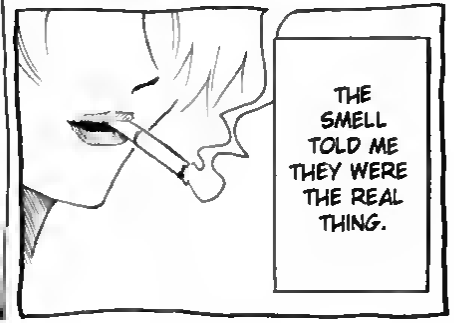
OH GOOD... YOU CAME.
I THOUGHT YOU FORGOT ABOUT ME.

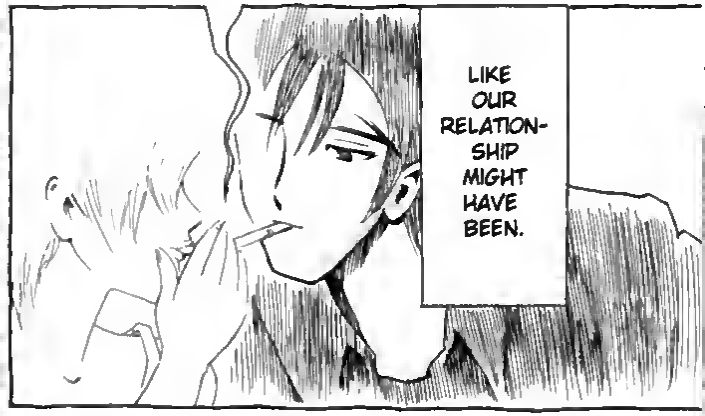

THIS PICTURE'S QUITE OLD.
ROGER ...
...OVER THE LAST 40 YEARS THE DOMES WERE BUILT. HUNDREDS OF OLD BUILDINGS WERE DEMOLISHED.
THAT BAR MAY BE GONE NOW.
MAYBE ...

FOR SOME REASON I KNEW IT WAS STILL THERE.









HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN?
YOU TOLD ME HE WAS THE BEST!
HE'S DRAGG-ING HIS FEET!
YOU'RE WRONG. I'LL VOUCH FOR HIS ABIL-ITIES.
ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT HE FINDS MY FATHER'S BAR.
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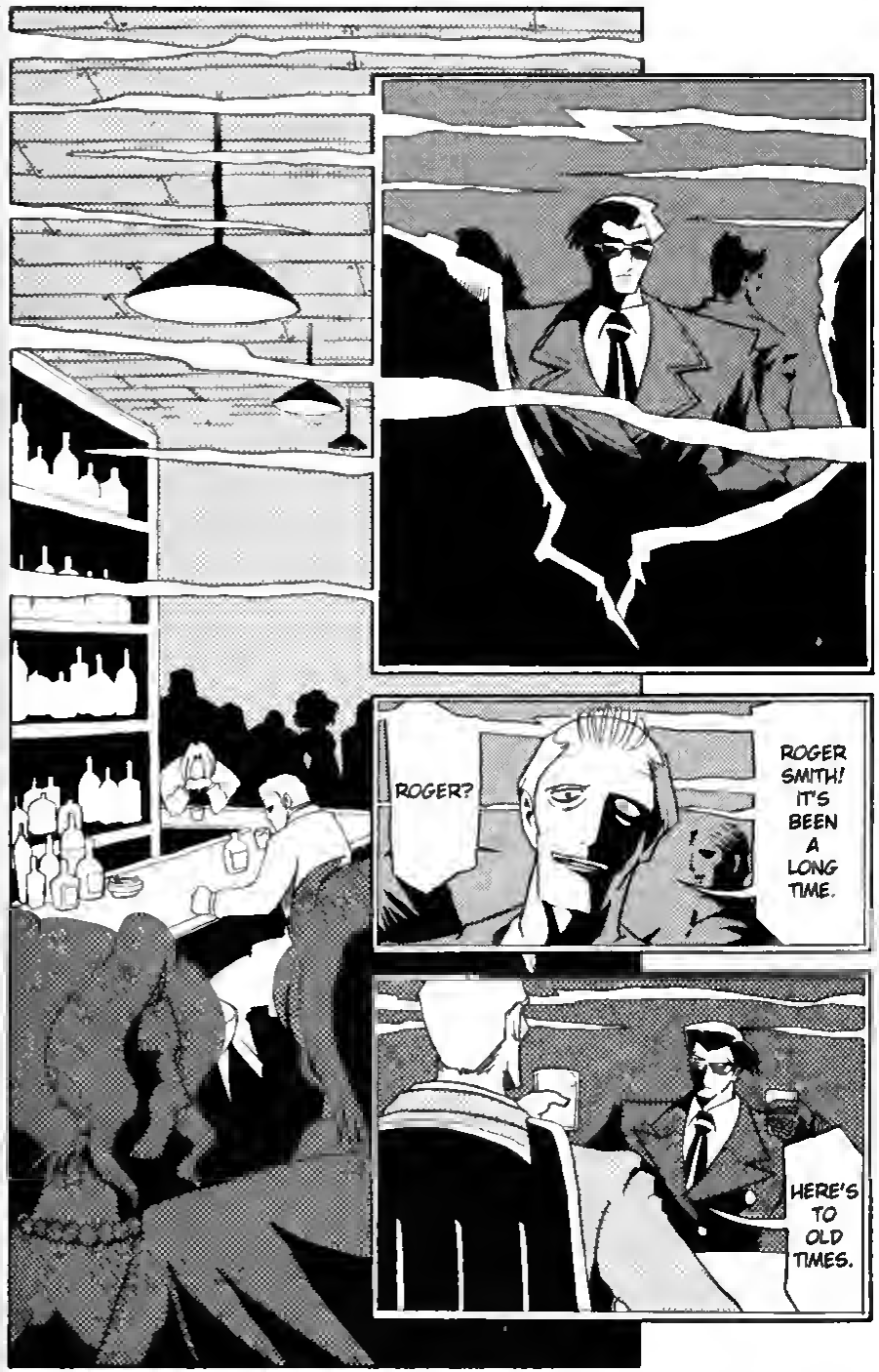
IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO PONY UP.
PUFF
I KNOW.
...
A PLEASURE DOING BUSI-NESS...
CALL ME ANY TIME.
JUST GO.


ROGER?
ROGER SMITH! IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME.
HERE'S TO OLD TIMES.

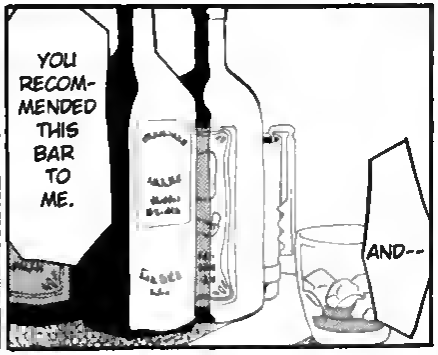
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED.
SURE I HAVE... I GOT OLD.
OR WAS MY HAIR ALWAYS SKIN-COLORED?
THIS IS HARD TO EXPLAIN, BUT...
EVERYDAY I GO TO WORK, I COME HOME...
BUT I'VE BEEN NOTICING THINGS WHERE I DON'T REMEMBER SEEING THEM BEFORE.
HOW DID THAT GET THERE?
I DON'T REMEMBER PUTTING THAT THERE...

IS THIS HOW IT STARTS?
HAVE I LOST MY MEMORY?
NO, YOU HAVEN'T LOST IT. YOU'VE JUST MISPLACED IT.
YOU'RE DRINKING TOO MUCH.
HEH HEH...
MAYBE THAT'S IT.
THIS WHOLE CITY LOST ITS MEMORY 40 YEARS AGO.
SINCE THEN, PEOPLE TAKE FORGET-FULNESS SERIOUSLY.
FORGETTING THINGS IS NATURAL, EVERYBODY DOES IT, NO BIG DEAL. BUT IN THIS TOWN IT'S A VERY BIG DEAL.

HMM?
THIS TAKES ME BACK.

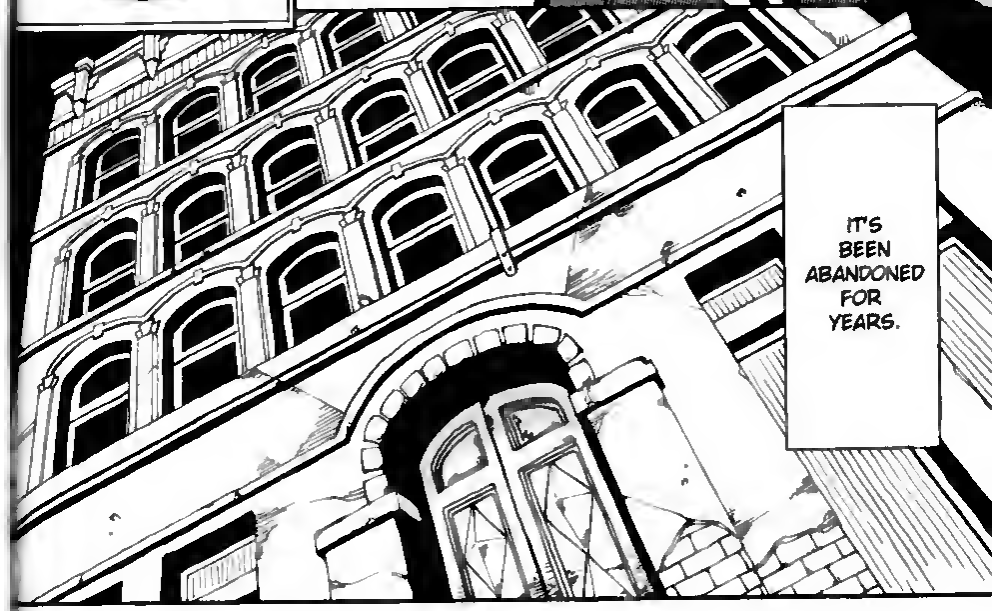
...
YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS?

UH, YEAH, ROGER.
MAYBE YOU'VE BEEN DRINKING TOO MUCH.


YOU RECOMMENDED THIS BAR TO ME.
AND--

I'VE BEEN TO THE BAR THAT I CAN'T FIND.

THAT'S THE BUILDING...


IT'S BEEN ABANDONED FOR YEARS.

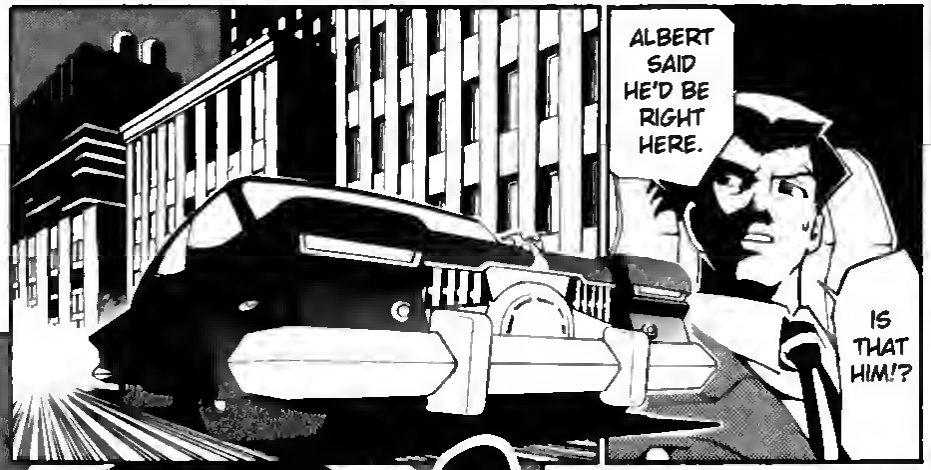
YOU FOUND IT!
HA HA HA!
I'M GLAD I HIRED YOU AFTER ALL!
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE. I HAVE TO SEE IT WITH MY OWN EYES.
WAIT THERE.
KREEK

OH, GOOD...
YOU CAME.
I THOUGHT YOU FORGOT ME.

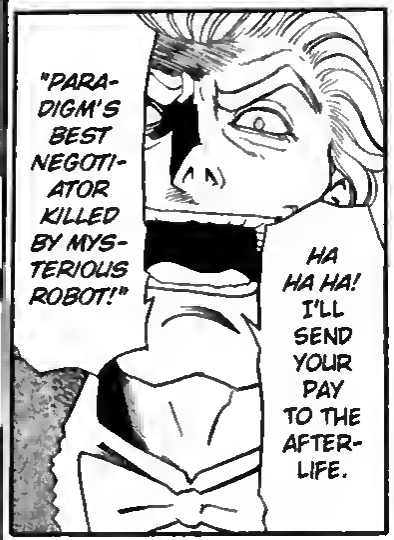
THESE VISIONS... HAUNTING ME...
THIS PLACE...
ROGER ...?
YES ...?
IF SOMETHING EVER SEPARATED US...
...WOULD YOU COME FIND ME?
I'D FIND YOU.
ROGER, I'M AFRAID.
SOMETIMES I'M AFRAID I'LL FORGET THESE MOMENTS, THESE...
...HAPPY MEMORIES.
IF YOU DO, I'LL HELP YOU TO REMEMBER THEM.
I COULD NEVER FORGET THE TIMES WE'VE SHARED.

KOOM
KOOM
KOOM
HA HA HA!
MINE AT LAST!
YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, POP?
I HAD IT BUILT MY-SELF...
A BOMB COULDN'T BUST THAT THING OPEN...
THOOM

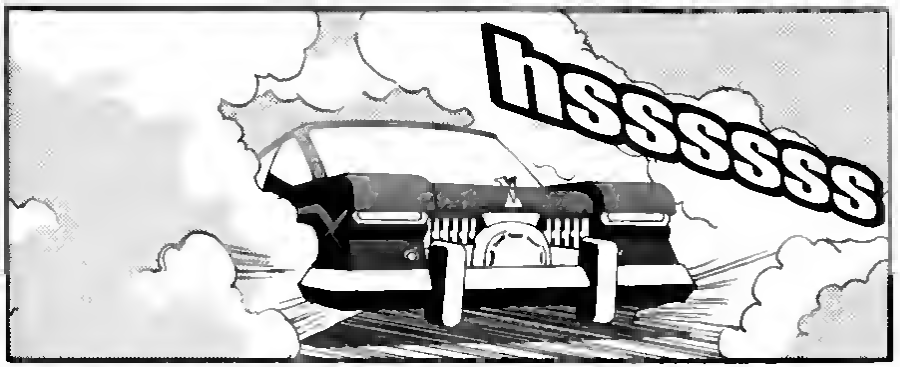
DAMN HIM FOR DYING BEFORE HE COULD SAY THE ADDRESS
BUT NOW HIS LEGACY IS MINE.


ALBERT SAID HE'D BE RIGHT HERE.
IS THAT HIM!?

THUDD
I GET IT. IF HE HAD ME DO EVERY-THING...
NO ONE ELSE COULD LINK HIM TO THAT ROBOT.


"PARA-DIGM'S BEST NEGOTI-ATOR KILLED BY MYS-TERIOUS ROBOT!"
HA HA HA! I'LL SEND YOUR PAY TO THE AFTER-LIFE.

THOOM
THOOM
klik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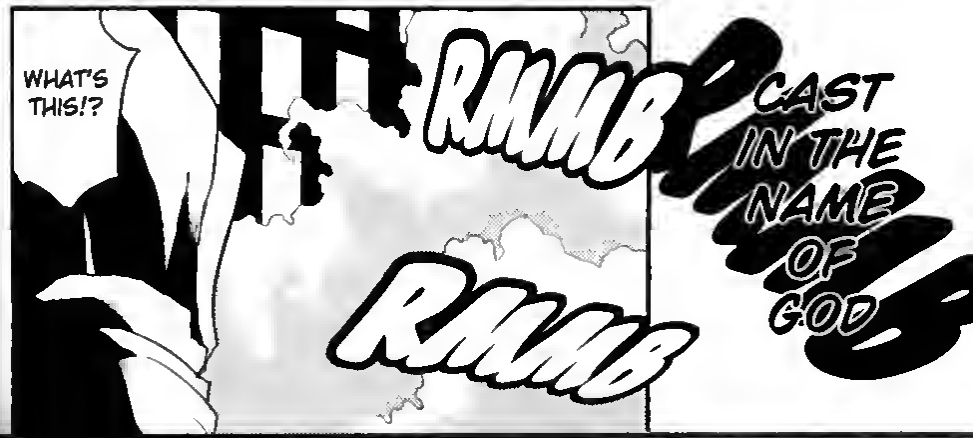

WHAT'S THIS!?
RMMB
RMMB
CAST IN THE NAME OF GOD

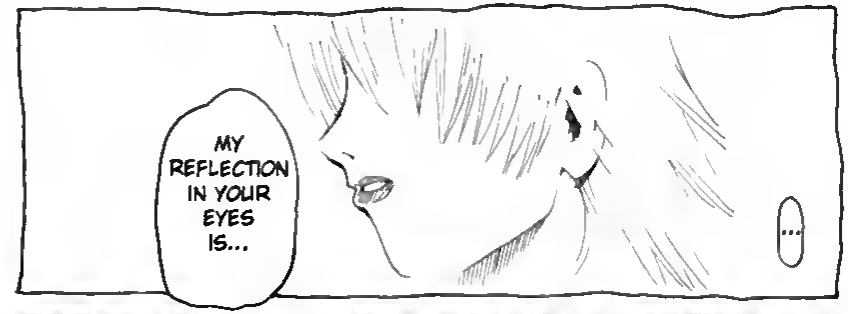
YE...
ROAR
NOT GUILTY.
BIG O...
ACTION!
fwash
YOUR PLAN FAILED, ALBERT.
THE MEGA-DEUS!

THOOM
WHOOOM
KRANG

DARN!
WHOOM
chak-ak

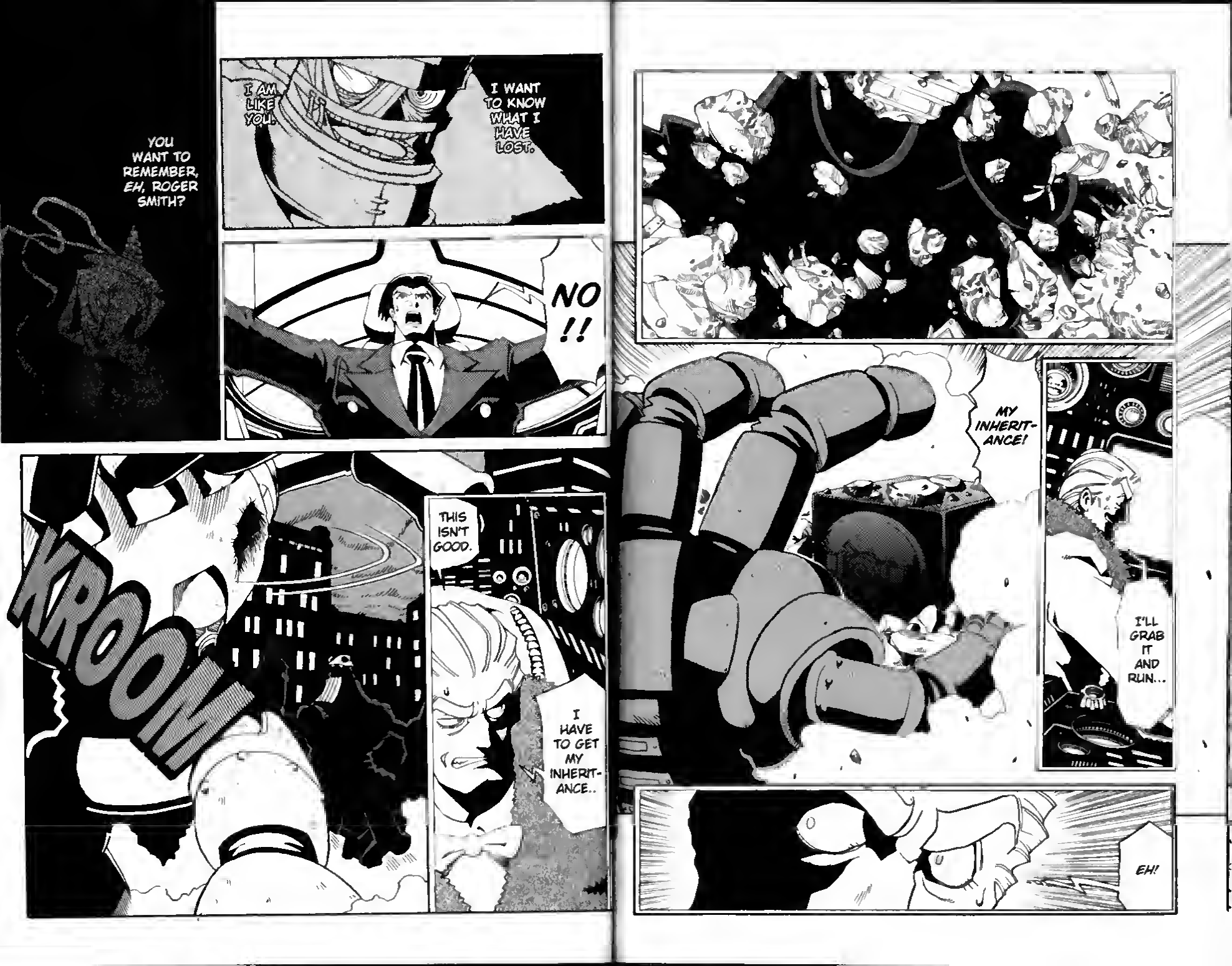
WHY DO YOU LOOK SO LONESOME?
IT'S NOT ME.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO LOOKS LONE-SOME.
ME?
YES...
YOU SAW YOUR OWN REFLECTION IN MY EYES...
...AND THOUGHT IT LOOKED LONE-SOME.

...
THEN ...
...WHAT DO YOU LOOK LIKE...
... REFLECTED IN MY EYES?


MY REFLECTION IN YOUR EYES IS...
...

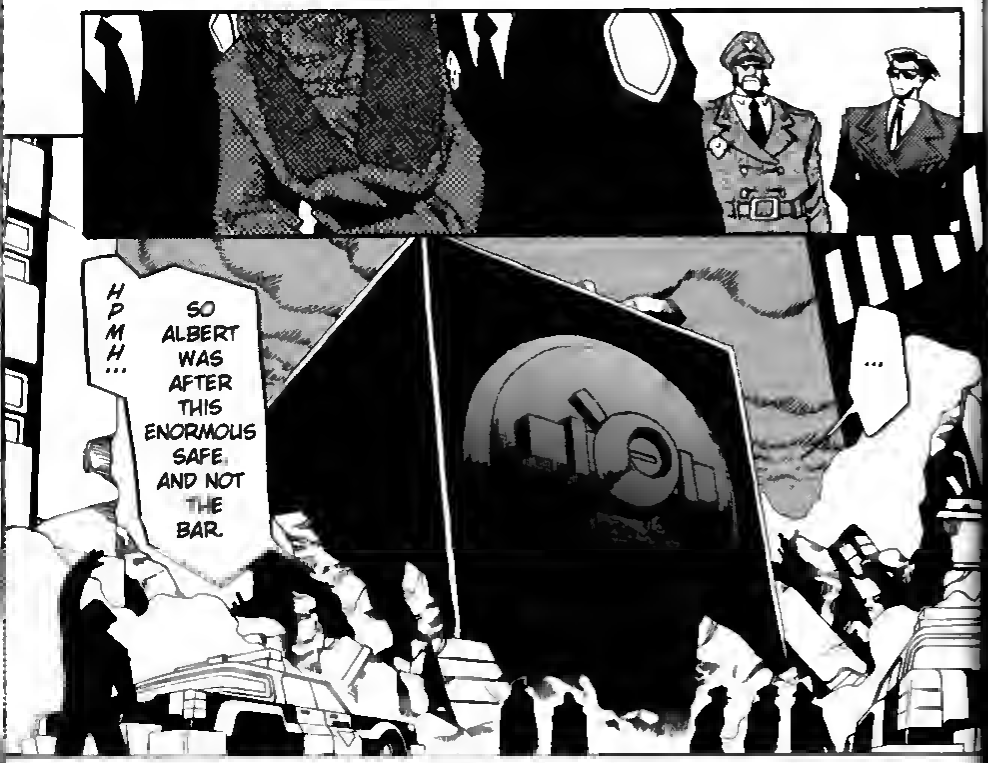
WHAT DID SHE SAY AFTER THAT?
HER FACE... HER REFLECTION IN MY EYES... I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT HER.

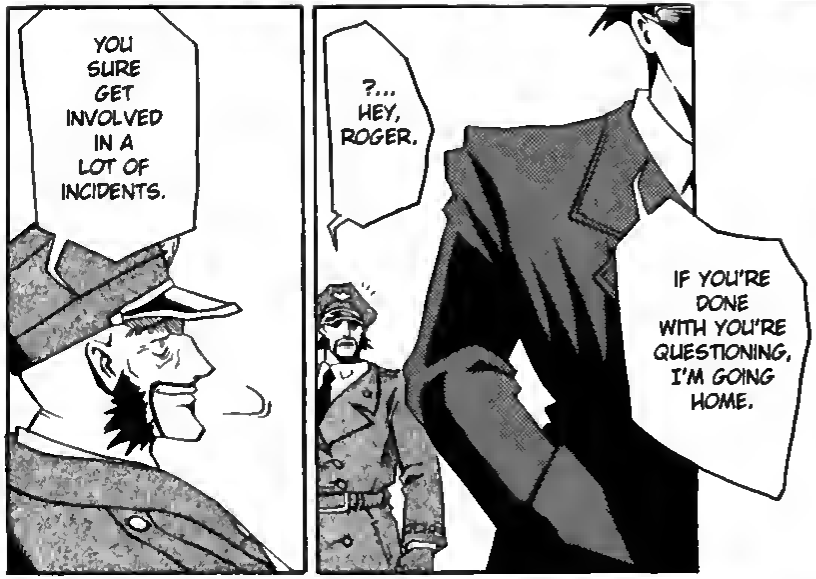
BAM!

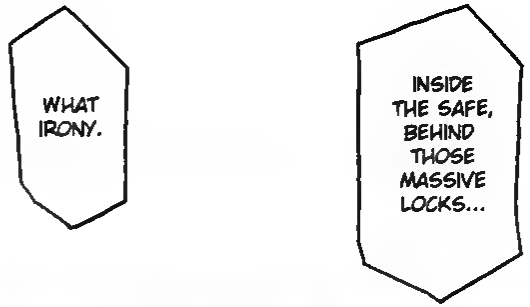

YOU WANT TO REMEMBER, EH, ROGER SMITH?
I AM LIKE YOU.
I WANT TO KNOW WHAT I HAVE LOST.
NO !!
KROOM
THIS ISN'T GOOD.
I HAVE TO GET MY INHERIT-ANCE..
MY INHERIT-ANCE!
I'LL GRAB IT AND RUN...
EH!

HA
A TEAR RAN DOWN MY CHEEK, THEN.

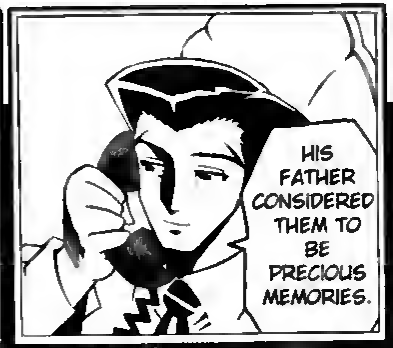
THE BAR WAS GONE, TURNED TO RUBBLE...

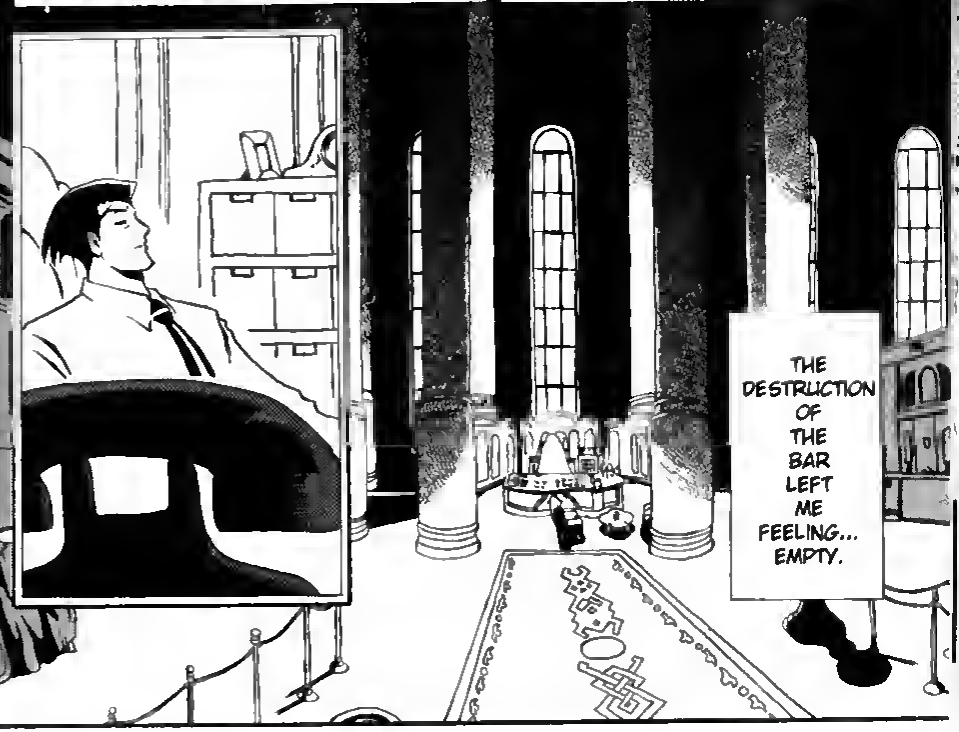

HPMH...
SO ALBERT WAS AFTER THIS ENORMOUS SAFE. AND NOT THE BAR.
...


YOU SURE GET INVOLVED IN A LOT OF INCIDENTS.
?... HEY, ROGER.
IF YOU'RE DONE WITH YOU'RE QUESTIONING, I'M GOING HOME.


WHAT IRONY.
INSIDE THE SAFE, BEHIND THOSE MASSIVE LOCKS...

...WAS A PILE OF OLD LETTERS A WOMAN WROTE TO ALBERT'S FATHER.
I ALMOST HATE TO BREAK IT TO HIM.


HIS FATHER CONSIDERED THEM TO BE PRECIOUS MEMORIES.

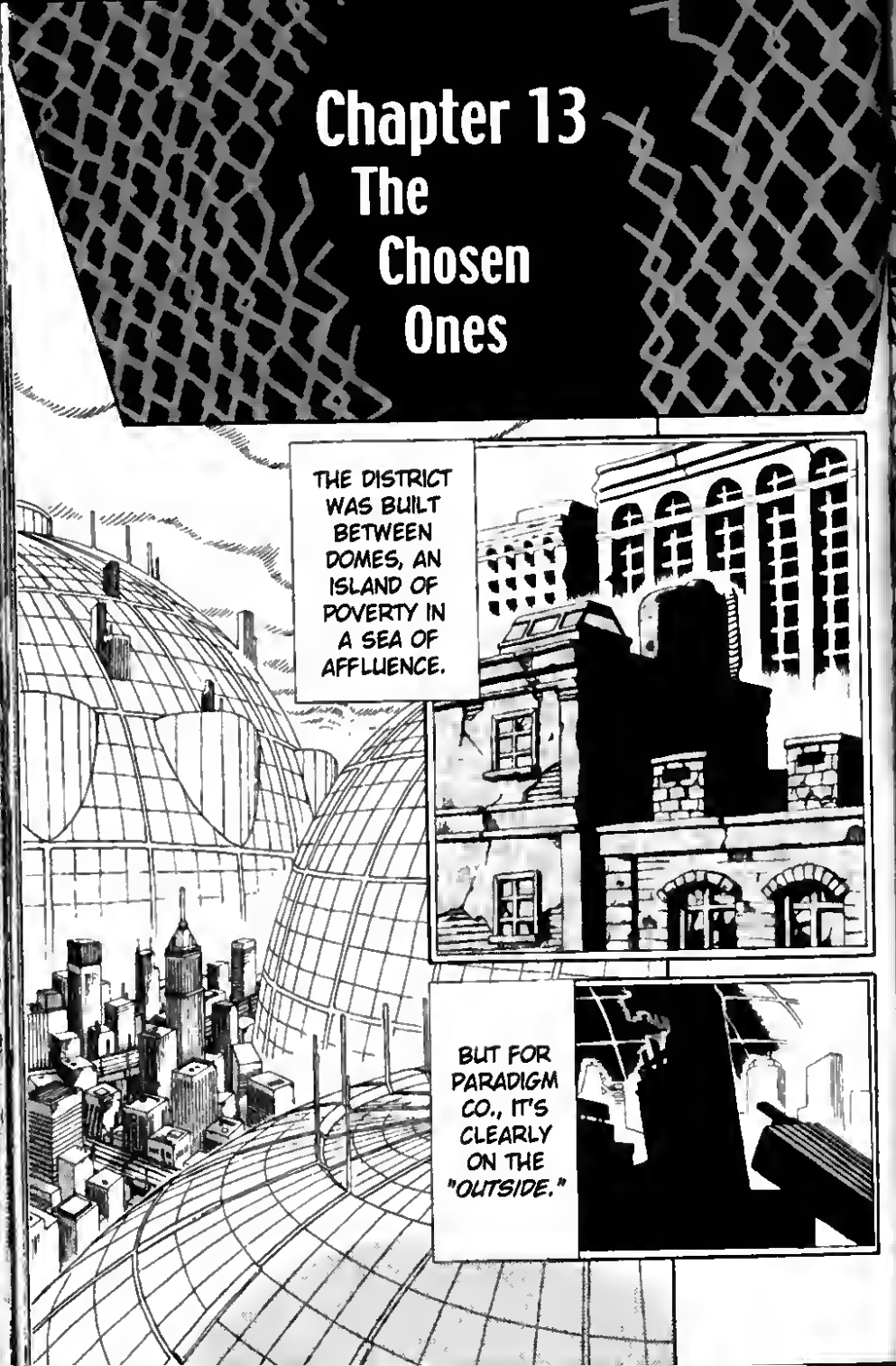

THE DESTRUCTION OF THE BAR LEFT ME FEELING... EMPTY.

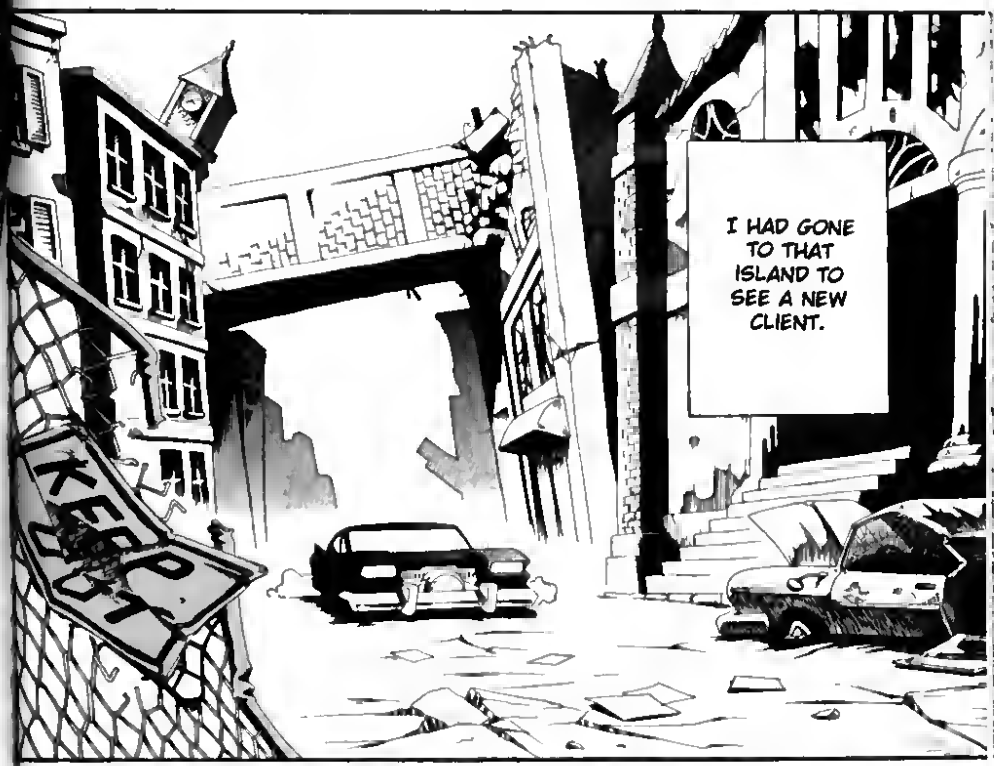
THIS ISN'T LIKE ME.
THE PAST IS PAST.
IT'S LIKE BEING THIRSTY FOR SOMETHING, AND IT ISN'T SODA-POP.
WHAT MATTERS ARE THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE.
BUT WHAT DO I NEED TO QUENCH MY THIRST?

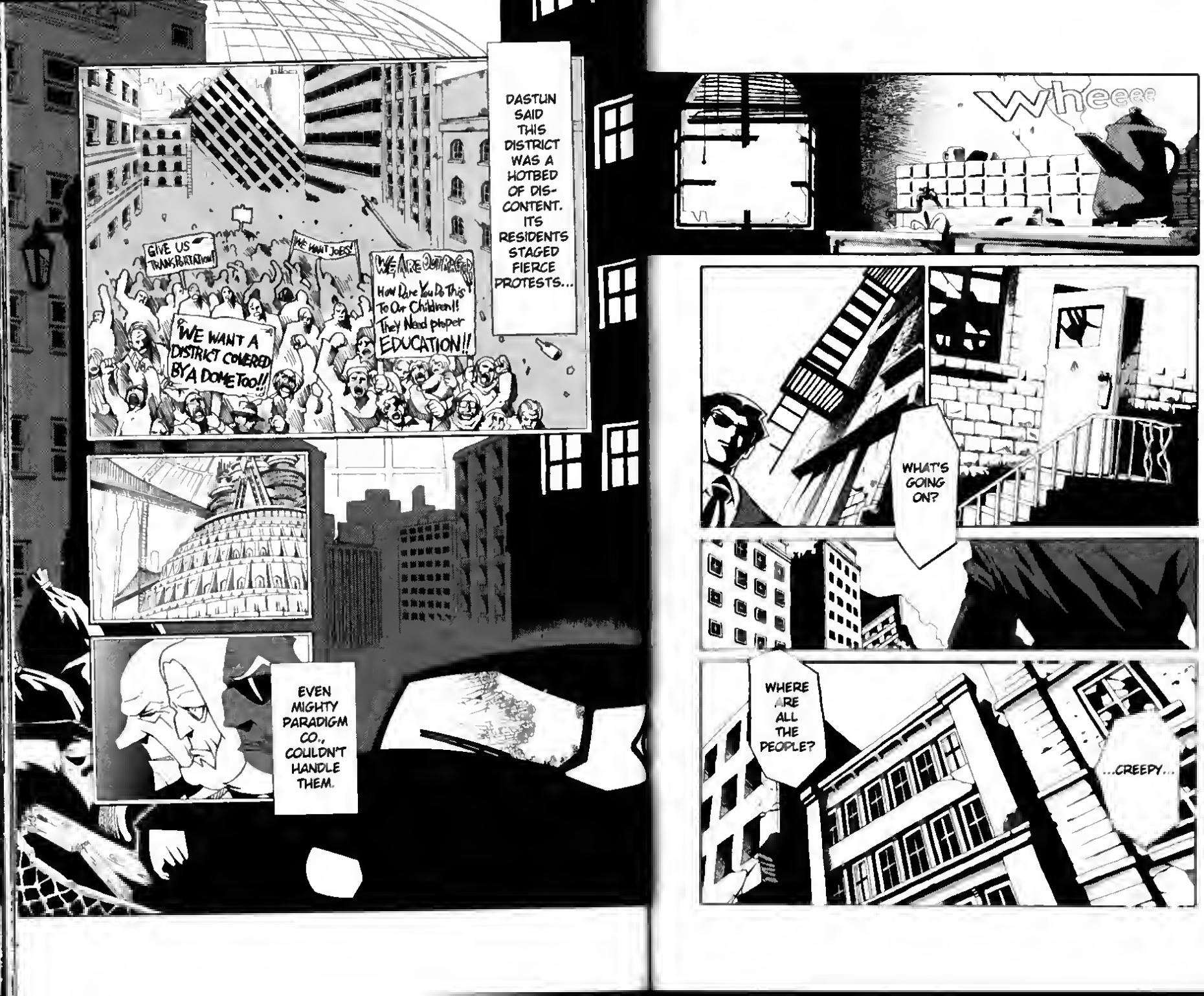
I GUESS EVEN YOU CAN GET LONE-SOME.
BUT AT LEAST YOU CAN FORGET.
YOU'RE HUMAN.
SOMETIMES HUMANS CAN'T HELP REMEM-BERING. AN ANDROID WOULDN'T UNDER-STAND.

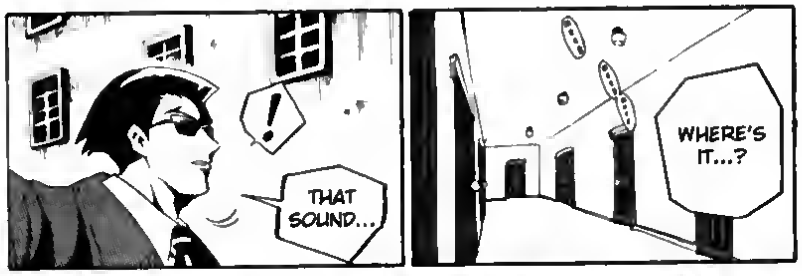
To The One I Can't Forget: END

Chapter 13
The Chosen Ones


THE DISTRICT WAS BUILT BETWEEN DOMES, AN ISLAND OF POVERTY IN A SEA OF AFFLUENCE.
BUT FOR PARADIGM CO., IT'S CLEARLY ON THE "OUTSIDE."




DASTUN SAID THIS DISTRICT WAS A HOTBED OF DISCONTENT. ITS RESIDENTS STAGED FIERCE PROTESTS...
GIVE US TRANSPORTATION!
WE WANT JOBS!
WE ARE OUTRAGED!
How Dare You Do This To Our Children!! They Need proper EDUCATION!!
WE WANT A DISTRICT COVERED BY A DOME TOO!!
EVEN MIGHTY PARADIGM CO., COULDN'T HANDLE THEM.
Wheeee
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHERE ARE ALL THE PEOPLE?
...CREEPY...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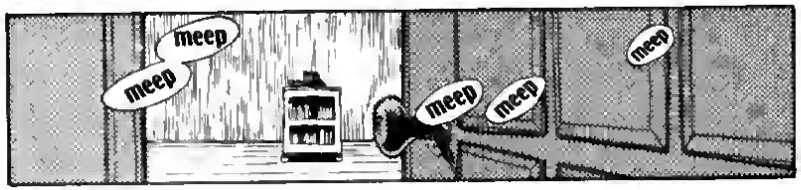
THAT SOUND...
WHERE'S IT...?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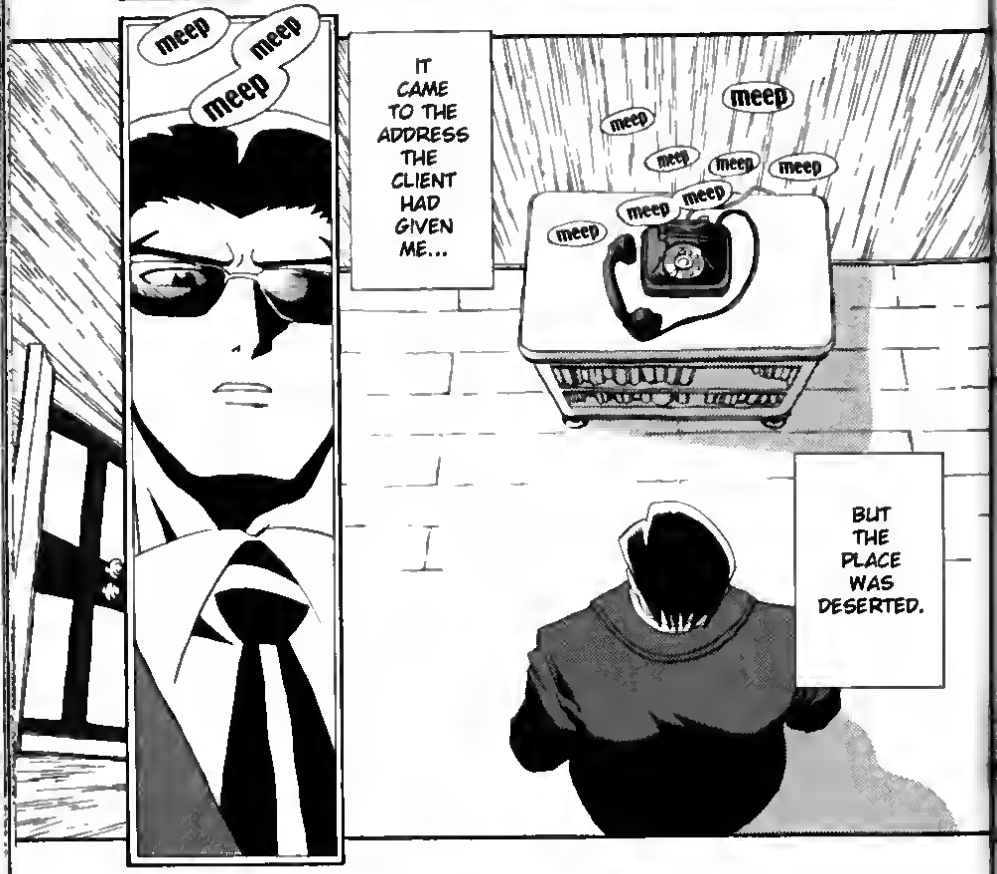
meep
meep
meep
IT CAME TO THE ADDRESS THE CLIENT HAD GIVEN ME...
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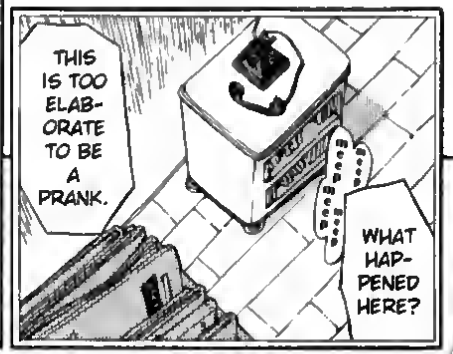
meep
meep
meep
meep
meep
meep
BUT THE PLACE WAS DESERTED.

meep
meep
meep

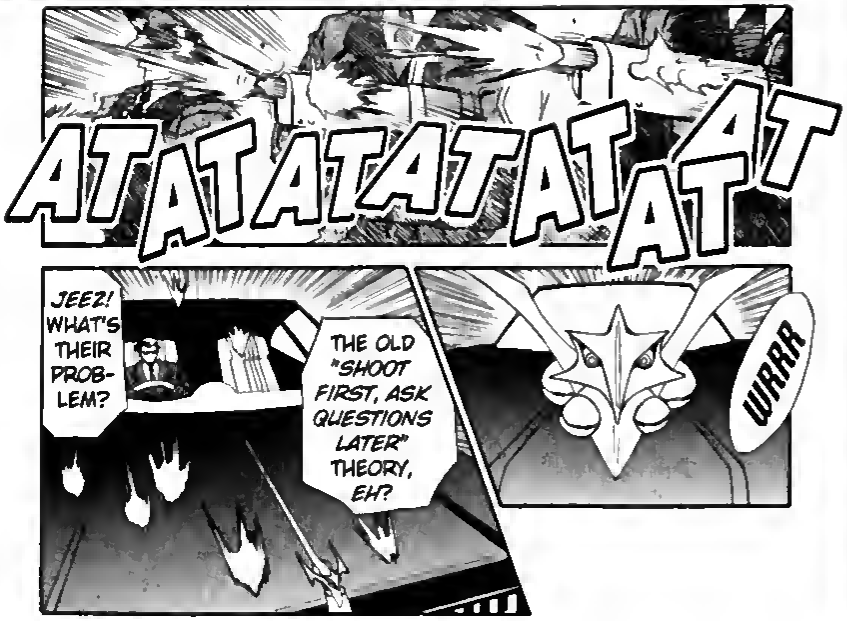

THIS IS TOO ELAB-ORATE TO BE A PRANK.
WHAT HAP-PENED HERE?

WHERE'S MY CLIENT?
meep
meep
meep
meep
meep
meep

M M M M M M M M M M M M
. . . .

WHERE DID THEY ALL GO?
TRMP TRMP TRMP TRMP TRMP TRMP TRMP
TRMP TRMP TRMP
!?
HEY ...
WHAT THE...?

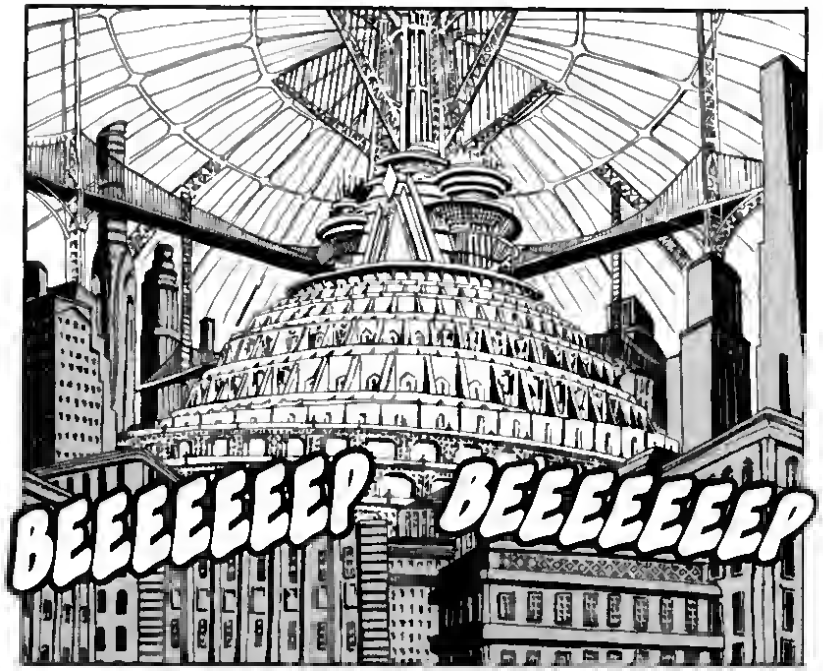
...
SOMETHING STINKS HERE AND IT ISN'T CHEESE.
VROOM
R-3


ATATATATATATAT
JEEZ! WHAT'S THEIR PROB-LEM?
THE OLD "SHOOT FIRST, ASK QUESTIONS LATER" THEORY, EH?
WRRR

KLANG
BRATABRATABRATA
RUBBER BULLETS-- YOU'LL LIVE, BOYS.
BUT WHY SO TRIG-GER HAPPY !?
vwm
vwm
vwm
WMM
WMM
WMM

VREEN
VEEEEEEE
UNH...
SKReeeeeeeee

CONGRAT-ULATIONS...
YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN...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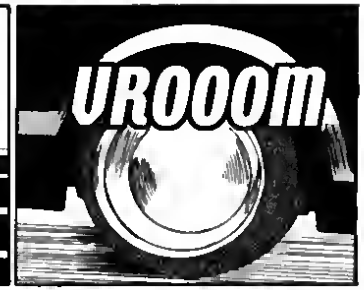
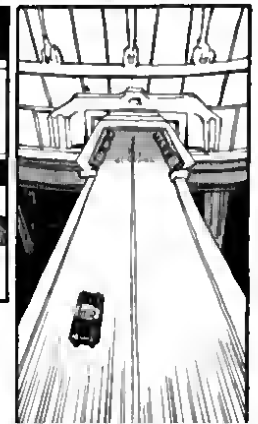
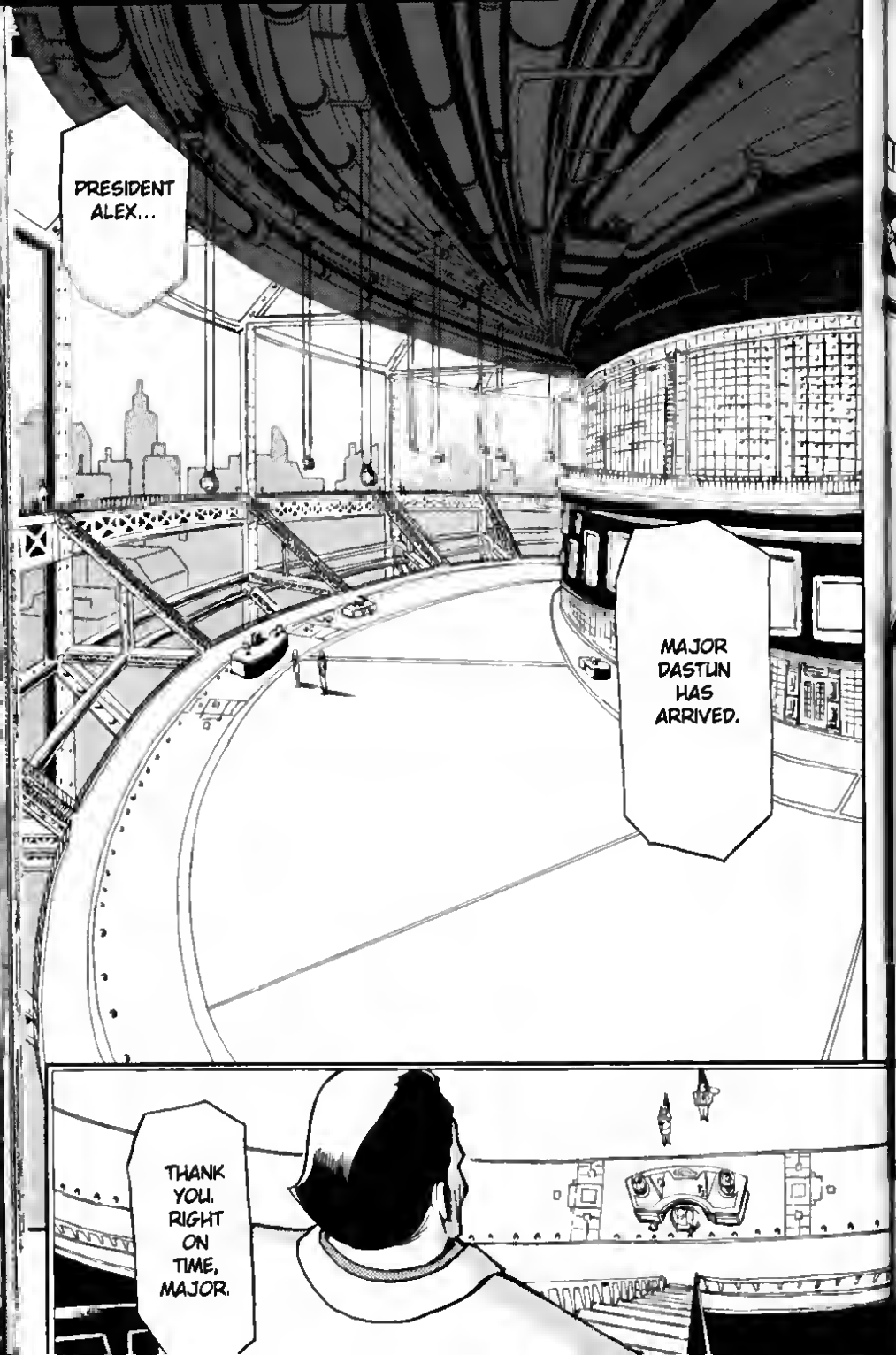
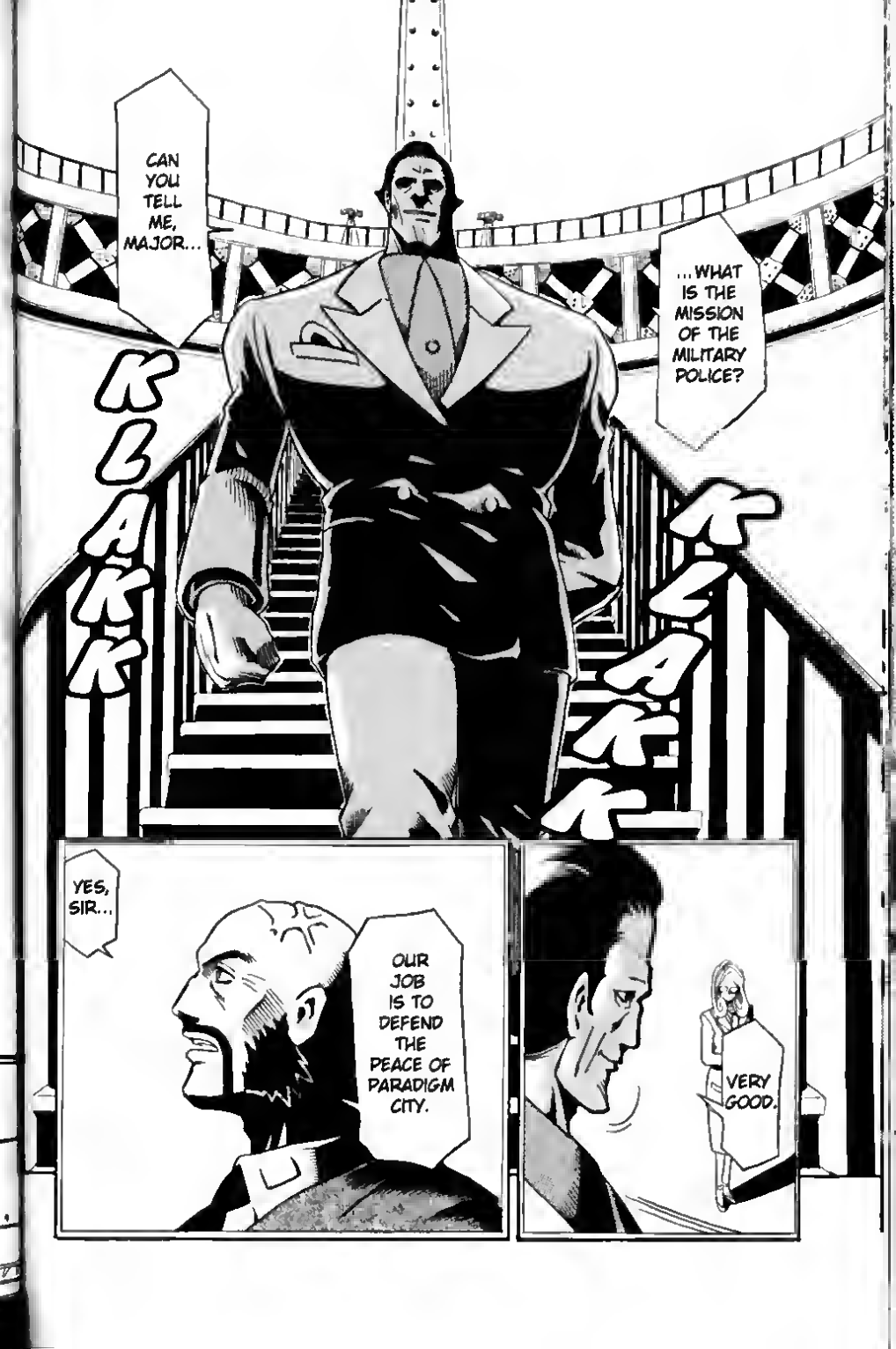
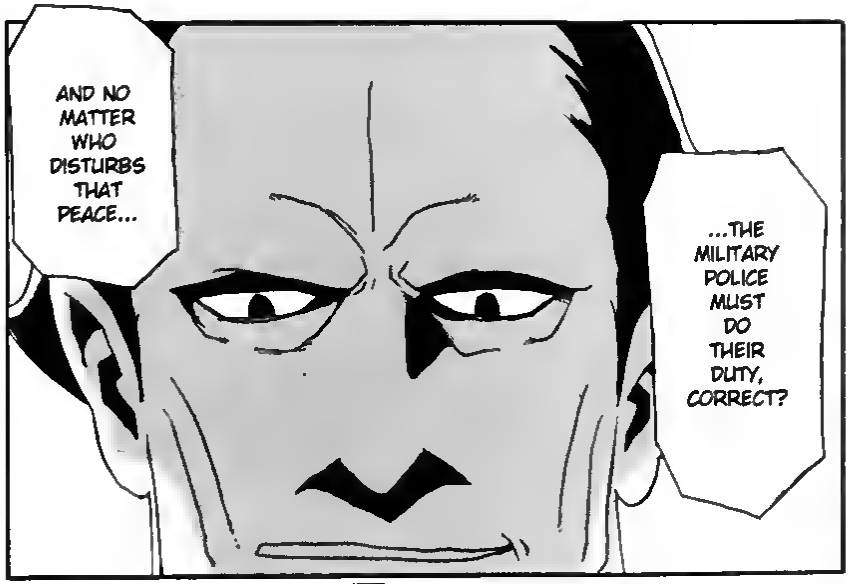

VROOOM

SIR, WHAT'S THIS EMERGENCY SUMMONS ALL ABOUT?
BEATS ME...



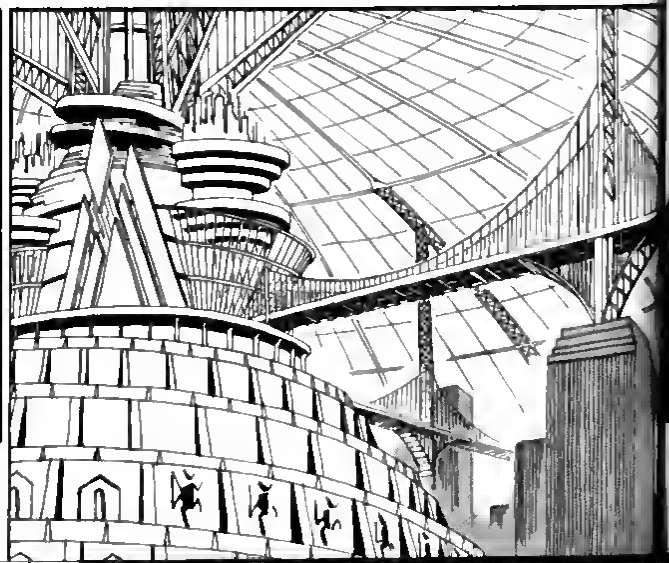

PRESIDENT ALEX...
MAJOR DASTUN HAS ARRIVED.
THANK YOU. RIGHT ON TIME, MAJOR.


CAN YOU TELL ME, MAJOR...
KLAKK
...WHAT IS THE MISSION OF THE MILITARY POLICE?
YES, SIR...
OUR JOB IS TO DEFEND THE PEACE OF PARADIGM CITY.
VERY GOOD.

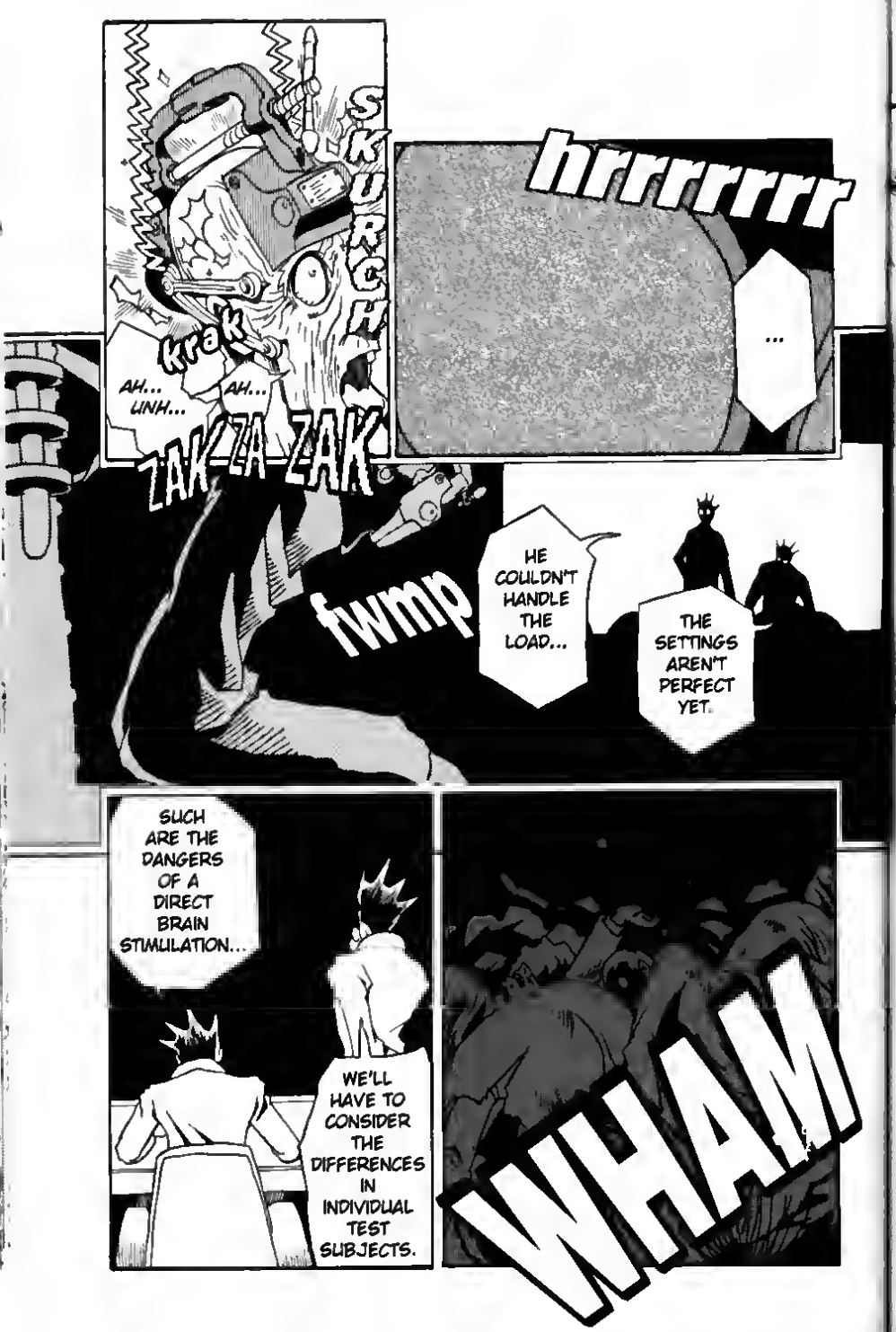

AND NO MATTER WHO DISTURBS THAT PEACE...
...THE MILITARY POLICE MUST DO THEIR DUTY, CORRECT?

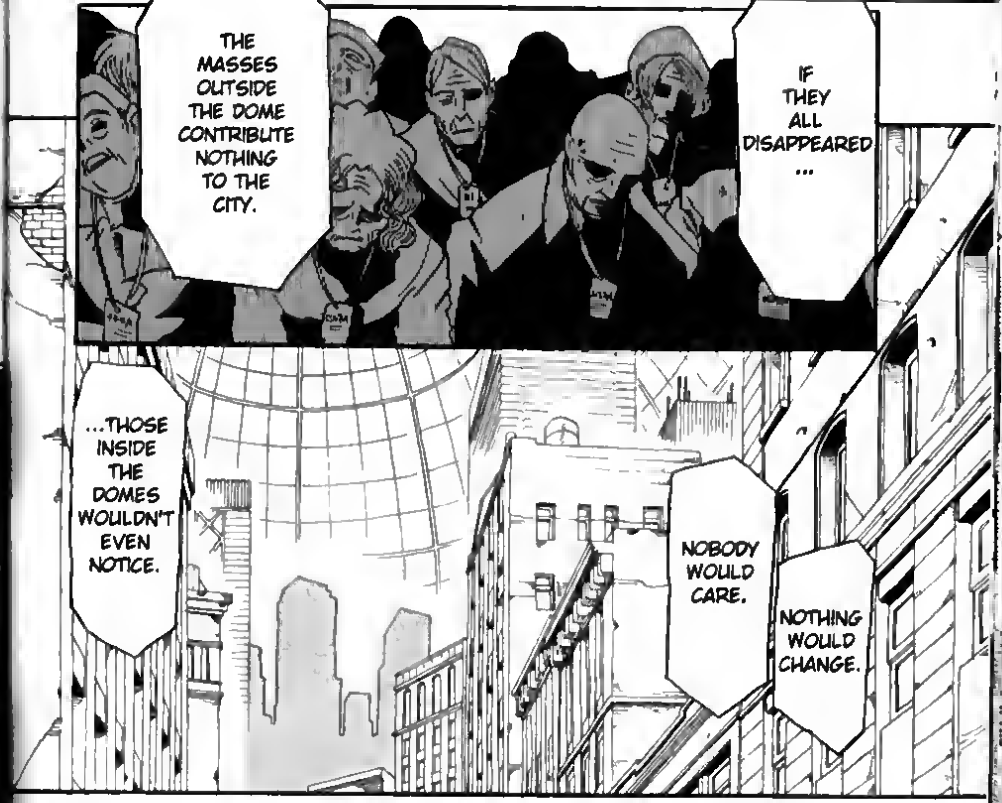
YES, SIR...
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS REPORT, PLEASE.
BUT... THIS IS--

THERE CAN BE NO EXCEPTIONS, MAJOR DASTUN. NOT EVEN FOR FORMER COLLEAGUES...



WHAT DID YOU LOSE 40 YEARS AGO?
TELL US WHAT THE WORLD WAS LIKE?


SKURCH
krak
AH... UNH...
AH...
ZAK-ZA-ZAK
hrrrrrrrr
...
twmp
HE COULDN'T HANDLE THE LOAD...
THE SETTINGS AREN'T PERFECT YET.
SUCH ARE THE DANGERS OF A DIRECT BRAIN STIMULATION...
WE'LL HAVE TO CONSIDER THE DIFFERENCES IN INDIVIDUAL TEST SUBJECTS.
WHAM


THE MASSES OUTSIDE THE DOME CONTRIBUTE NOTHING TO THE CITY.
IF THEY ALL DISAPPEARED ...
...THOSE INSIDE THE DOMES WOULDN'T EVEN NOTICE.
NOBODY WOULD CARE.
NOTHING WOULD CHANGE.

WE'RE GIVING THESE PARASITES THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE USEFUL...
..GIVING THEM THE HONOR OF SERVING THE CITY.

WITH THIS MACHINE WE EXCAVATED...
...AND OUR BRILLIANT MINDS...
WE CAN EXTRACT LOST MEMORIES FROM DEEP WITHIN THE BRAIN...
...AND ILLUMINATE THE DARKNESS OF 40 YEARS AGO...

...BEFORE THE CITY SUFFERED MASS-AMNESIA!
OVER TIME THE CITY HAS RECOVERED, SOMEWHAT...WITH HELP FROM REMAINING MEMORIES.

BUT THERE ARE GAPS, MYSTERIES. ENIGMATIC MEMORIES ARE SOMETIMES DISCOVERED.
BUT THE CAUSE OF THE EVENT...
...WHICH FOR FOUR DECADES HAS FRUSTRATED THE EFFORTS OF ALL PARADIGM CO. RESEARCH TEAMS...

WE...
...WILL DISCOVER!

YOU PEOPLE ARE THE CHOSEN!
YOU ARE PRIVILEGED TO DIE AS HEROES.

IN THE BRAIN OF PARADIGM CITY'S BEST NEGOTIATOR...
WE MAY FIND VALUABLE CLUES...
...FROM THE CASES THAT HE'S WORKED ON.
MMMMM
WHAT...!? THESE MEMORIES... THEY'RE...!?

MAJOR DASTUN'S FORCES HAVE ARRIVED.
I'LL GO. WATCH THE STORE, PANEEL.
ALL RIGHT, PALLACK.
WWWW
ZAK

KRASH
M-- MAJOR DASTUN ...
AH...

WMM
WMM
WMM
WMM

WMM WMMM
WMMM WMMM WMMM
Veeee

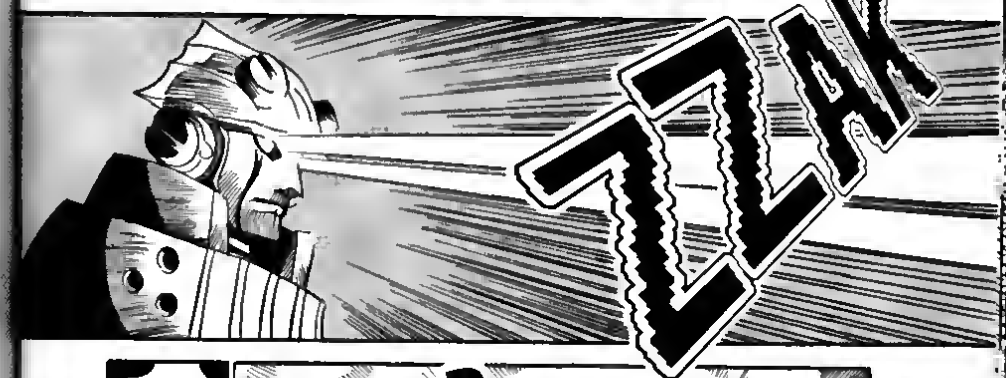
KRK
KRUNK
WHAT'S HAPPENING!?
wrpwrpwrp
PALLACK! THERE'S TROUBLE...THIS TIME IT WAS THE MACHINE THAT COULDN'T HANDLE THE LOAD!
HIS MEMORIES WERE TOO MUCH FOR IT!

...THE ATTACK STOPPED!?
KRASH
KRSH!
KRASH
WMM
I'M DISENGAGING.
ROARR
LET THE BRAINWASHED POLICE PUT THE FIRE OUT!
ALL RIGHT...
WMM
WOOM
WMM
KRAK

KRASH
KRAKL KRAK
CAST IN THE NAME OF GOD

THMMM
YE... NOT GUILTY!

BIG O... ACTION!
THE MEGA-DEUS ...!


KLAK

WHOA!
Veeee

WHAM
WHAT !?
HEH... HEH HEH...
HA HA HA!
Ueeeeeeeeee
THUD

WE CAN WIN!
WE CAN EVEN DEFEAT THE MEGA-DEUS!
KRACK
KRASH
KRACK
WHAM
krrrk
NOW!

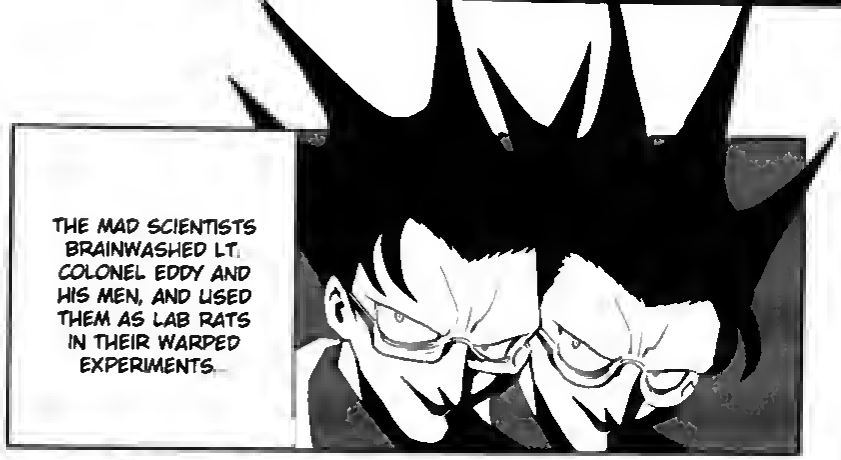
ZZAK
BLAM BLAM
WHY DID YOU INTER-FERE!?
WE CAN DISCOVER OUR HISTORY!
IT'S WITHIN OUR REACH!
SHEEN
WHY ...!?

WHY?
BECAUSE RESEARCH THAT HARMS PEOPLE HAS NO VALUE, NO MATTER HOW LOFTY ITS GOALS MAY BE.
KROOM
KLACK
KRSSH
ROOOWWR
WE OVER-DID THEIR BRAIN-WASHING ...
THEY'RE ALL USE-LESS!
...
...
KLOMP
KLOMP

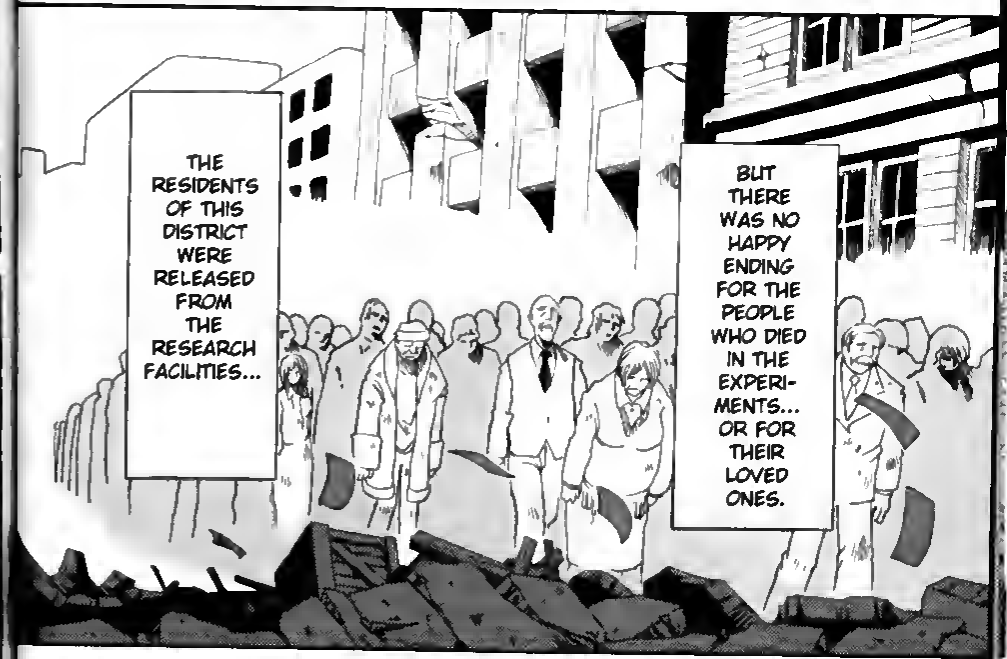
...IT'S ALL OVER.
!!
THEY SAY LOST MEMORIES ARE MORE PRECIOUS THAN GEMS...
...BUT THEY'RE NOT MORE PRECIOUS THAN HUMAN LIVES, SCUMBAG.
REEN
I DON'T EXPECT A WATCHDOG LIKE YOU TO UNDERSTAND...
...ANY MORE THAN THE CEO OF PARADIGM CO. DID!
THE REAL CRIME WOULD BE TO TERMINATE SUCH FRUITFUL RESEARCH!
THEY CAN'T COMPREHEND THE VALUE OF OUR WORK!
...THAT IS OUR...
WE WILL RECONSTRUCT SCIENTIFIC WONDERS LOST FOR 40 YEARS! WITH THEM WE CAN RESTORE THIS BROKEN WORLD!
THUP

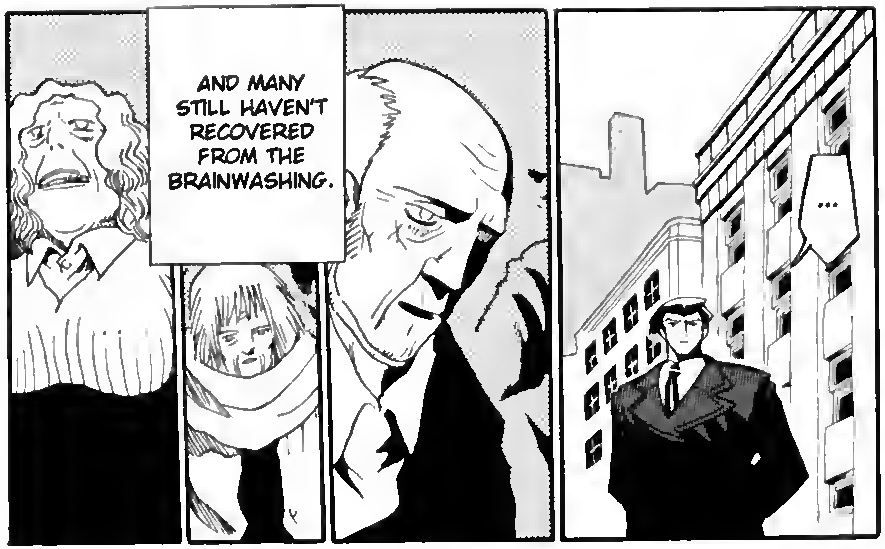
...
...
FWUMP
WHA
...
ROARR
!?

MAJOR, WE'VE SUBDUED THE REBELS!


THE MAD SCIENTISTS BRAINWASHED LT. COLONEL EDDY AND HIS MEN, AND USED THEM AS LAB RATS IN THEIR WARPED EXPERIMENTS.

...WITH THE MACHINE THEY EXCAVATED-- BEFORE PARADIGM CO. COULD STOP THEM.


THE RESIDENTS OF THIS DISTRICT WERE RELEASED FROM THE RESEARCH FACILITIES...
BUT THERE WAS NO HAPPY ENDING FOR THE PEOPLE WHO DIED IN THE EXPERI-MENTS... OR FOR THEIR LOVED ONES.


AND MANY STILL HAVEN'T RECOVERED FROM THE BRAINWASHING.
...

...THE OUT-OF-DOME VOLUNTEERS WILL OVERSEE THEIR REHAB.
...PARADIGM OWNS THEM, TOO...

THIS IS THE PARADIGM WAY!

...I SEE, GOOD JOB.
THAT PUTS AN END TO IT.

WE FOUND THIS AMONG THE EVIDENCE RECOVERED FROM THE SCENE.
A LITTLE BURNT, BUT YOU CAN SEE WHAT IT IS.

...MICHAEL SEEBACH'S NOTES...
THEN THEY KNEW...
I THINK...
...THAT IT'S ABOUT TO BEGIN.
HEH...
THE CHOSEN ONES: END

The Sun will rise again
The Sun will rise on me

The Sun will rise again
Shining morning comes

We lost the past 40 years of memories
Missing the last 40 years' memory

The Sun will rise again
And we'll recall all our memory

Can't go anywhere,
Don't know where we should go
Without knowing where we're from

I wanna know the truth

The Sun will rise again
The Sun will rise on me

The Sun will rise again
Shining morning comes

One day, on a sunny day,
Angel comes down

Angel leads us

And then we will find what we lost
Angel takes us to the right place

Angel wings can take us...

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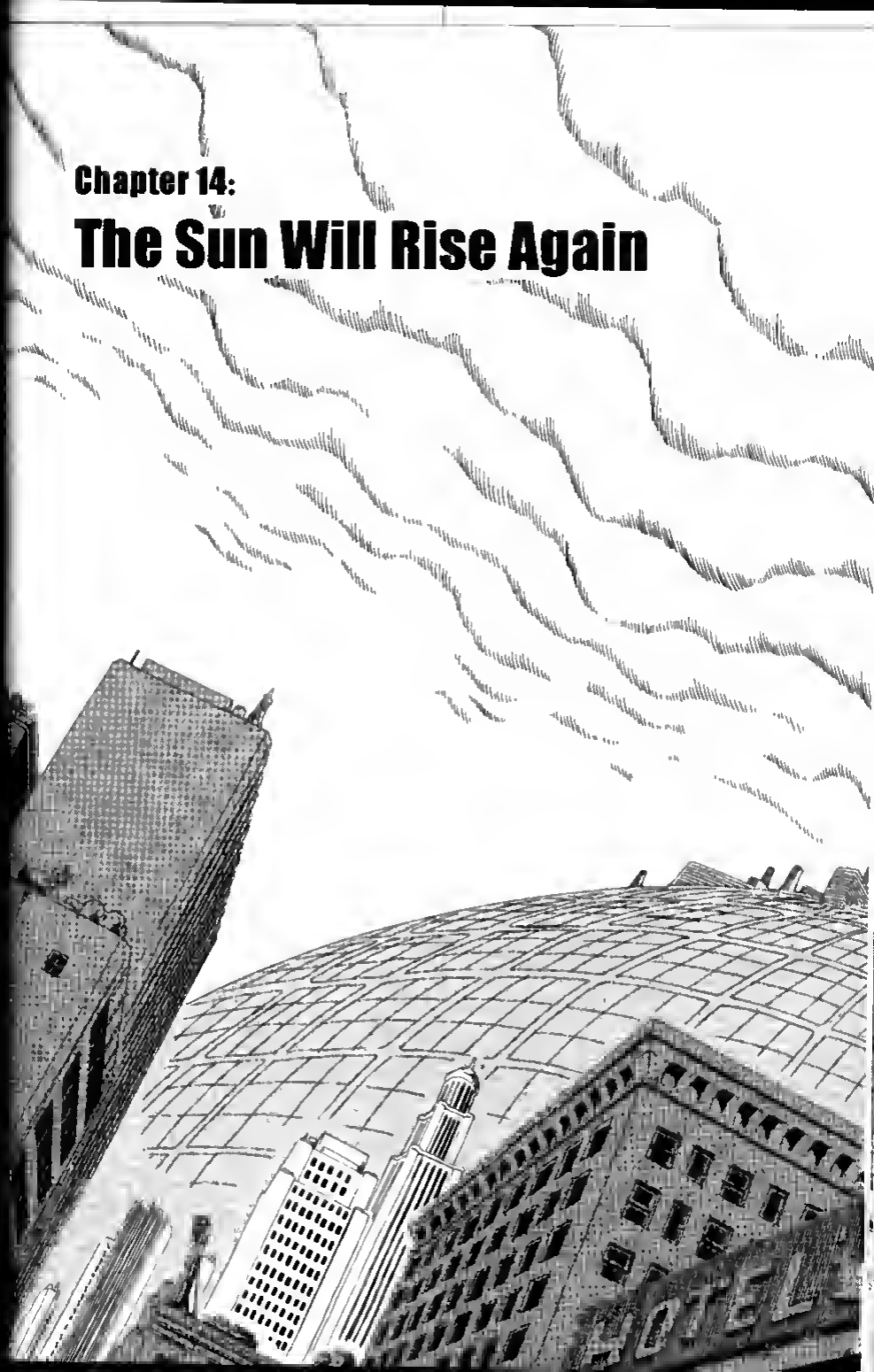
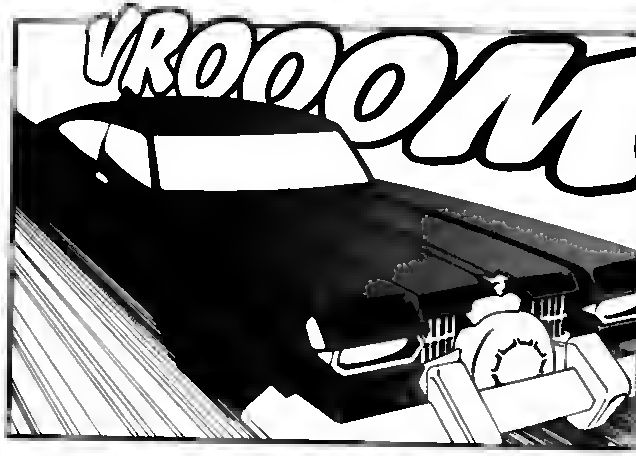
The Sun Will Rise Again



The SUN will rise again
The SUN will rise on me
GUCI·Z-MES
The SUN will rise again
Shining morning comes
One day, on a sunny day,
Angel comes down

The Angel
will lead us

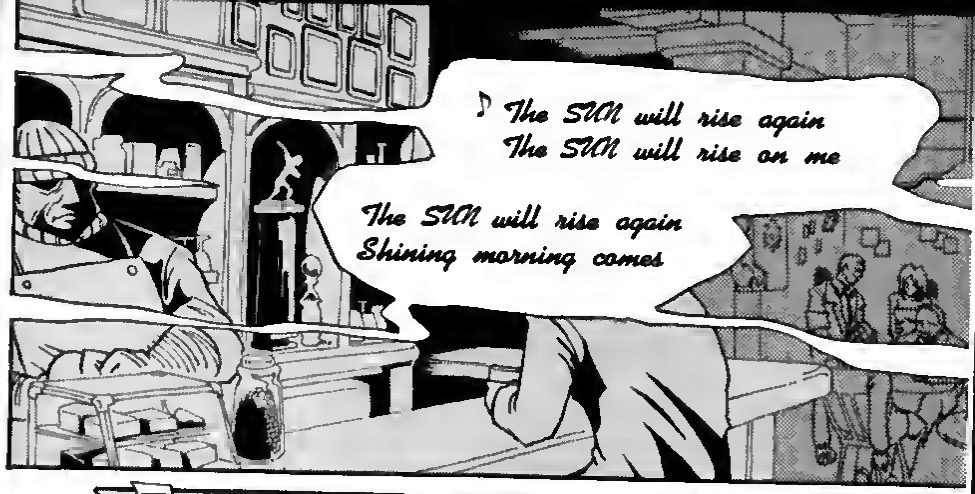

VROOOM

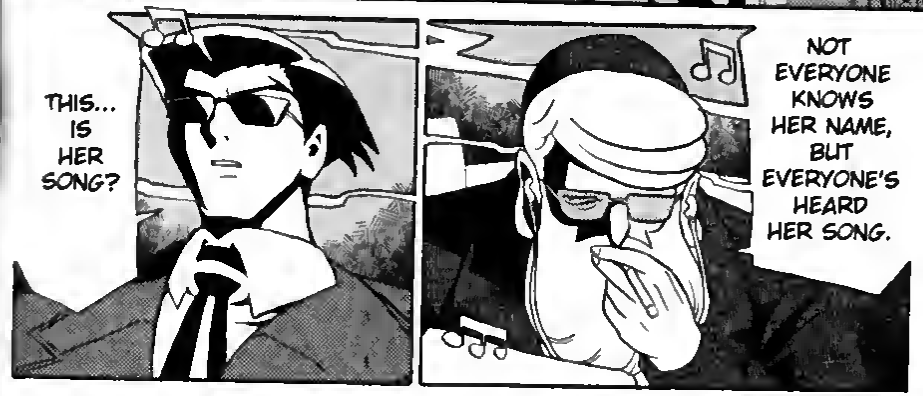
CAN YOU PLAY THAT SONG FOR ME?
SURE

...?

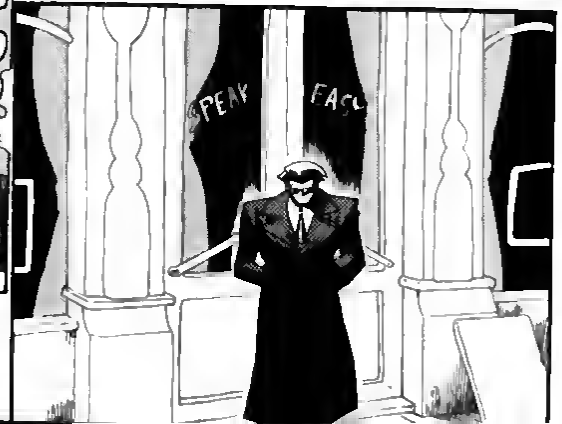
YOUR CLIENT'S MISSING?

...MAYBE SHE'S SEQUEST-ERED HERSELF TO WORK ON A NEW SONG.
HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT SHE DOES?
EVERY-ONE IN THE CITY KNOWS.
HEH HEH
...IN FACT, THAT SONG YOU HEAR RIGHT NOW...

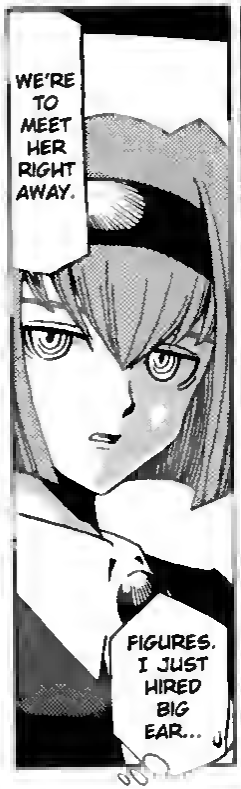

♪ The SUN will rise again
The SUN will rise on me
The SUN will rise again
Shining morning comes


THIS... IS HER SONG?
NOT EVERYONE KNOWS HER NAME, BUT EVERYONE'S HEARD HER SONG.

BUT SHE'S JUST STARTING OUT...
IT'S NOT EXPERI-ENCE THAT SELLS A SONG.
I'LL SEE IF I CAN FIND HER FOR YOU.
THANKS.


SPEAK
FACE

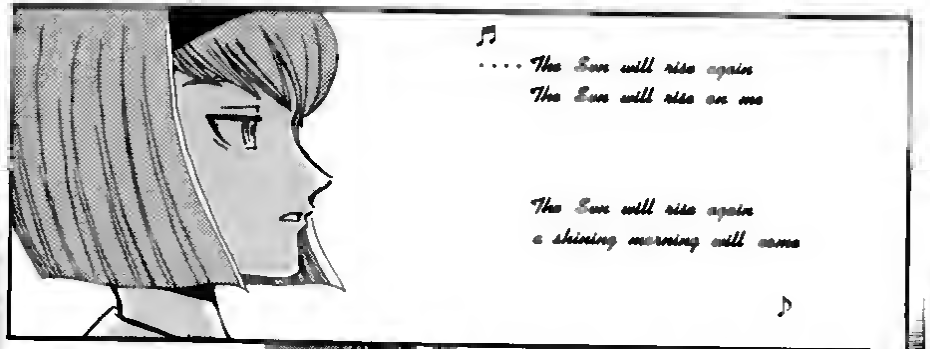
ROGER, NORMAN GOT A CALL FROM THE CLIENT.


WE'RE TO MEET HER RIGHT AWAY.
FIGURES. I JUST HIRED BIG EAR...

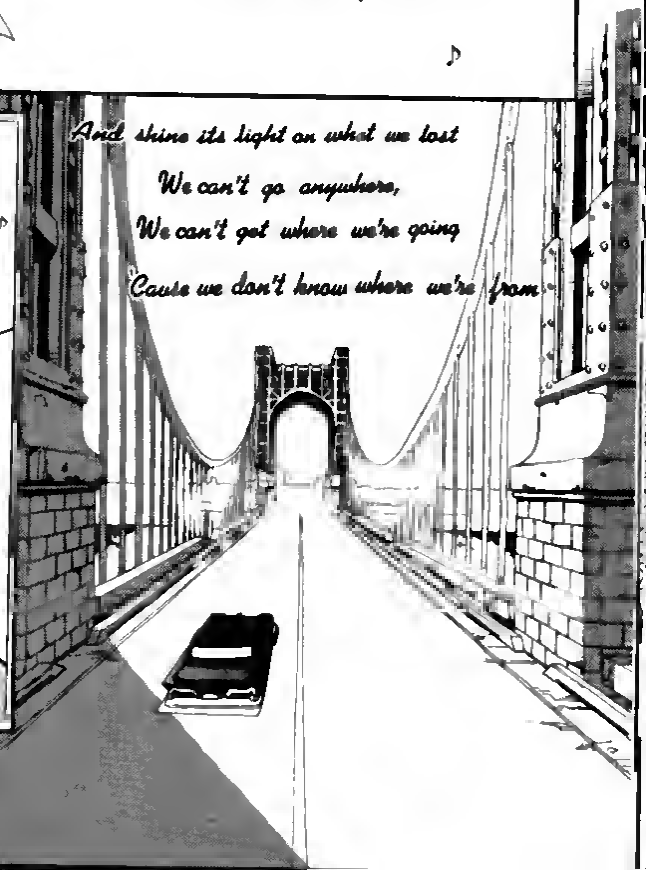
DOROTHY, HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OUR CLIENT'S--
EVERY-ONE HAS HEARD IT.

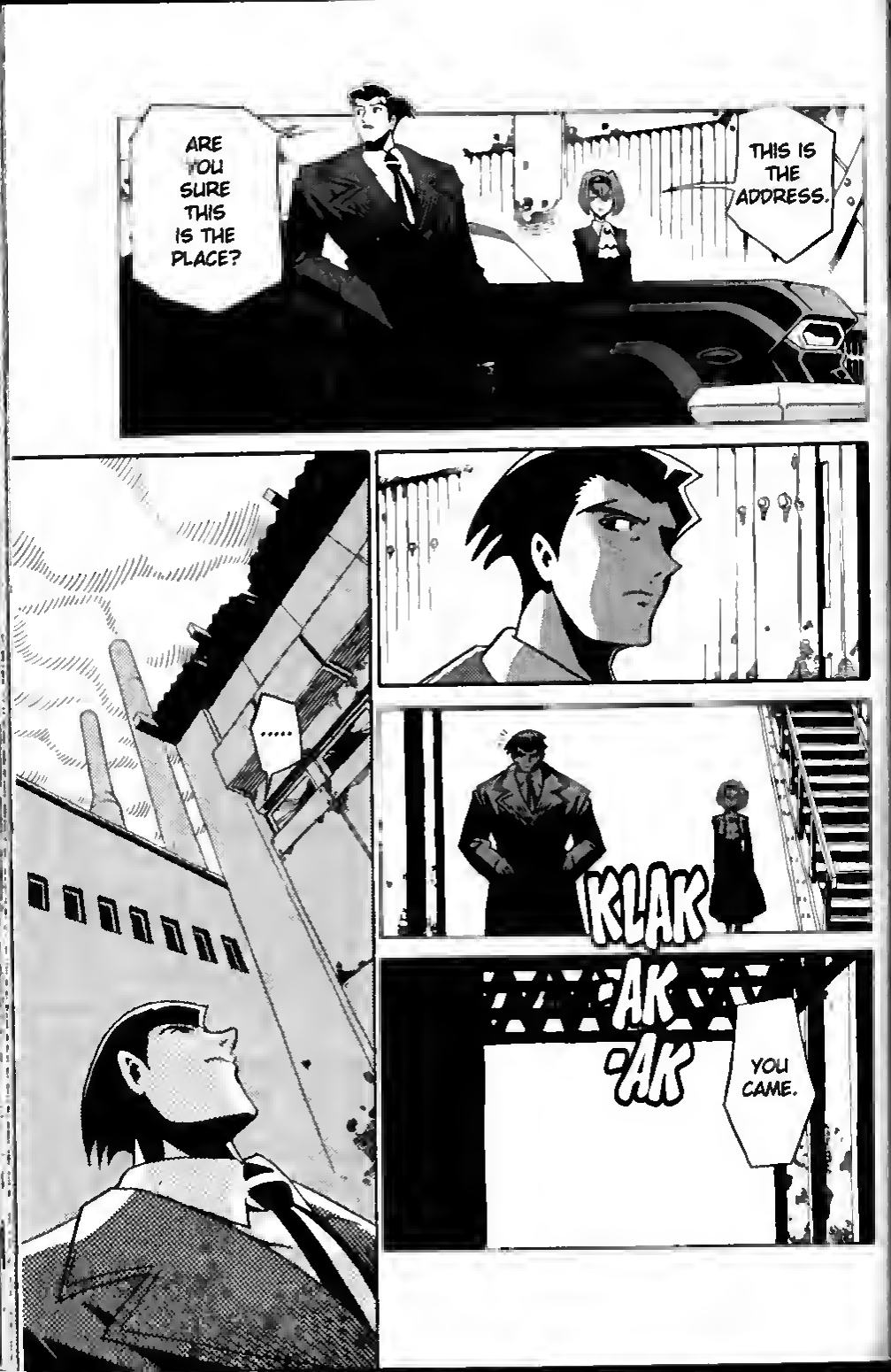
...I DIDN'T...

...
...
...

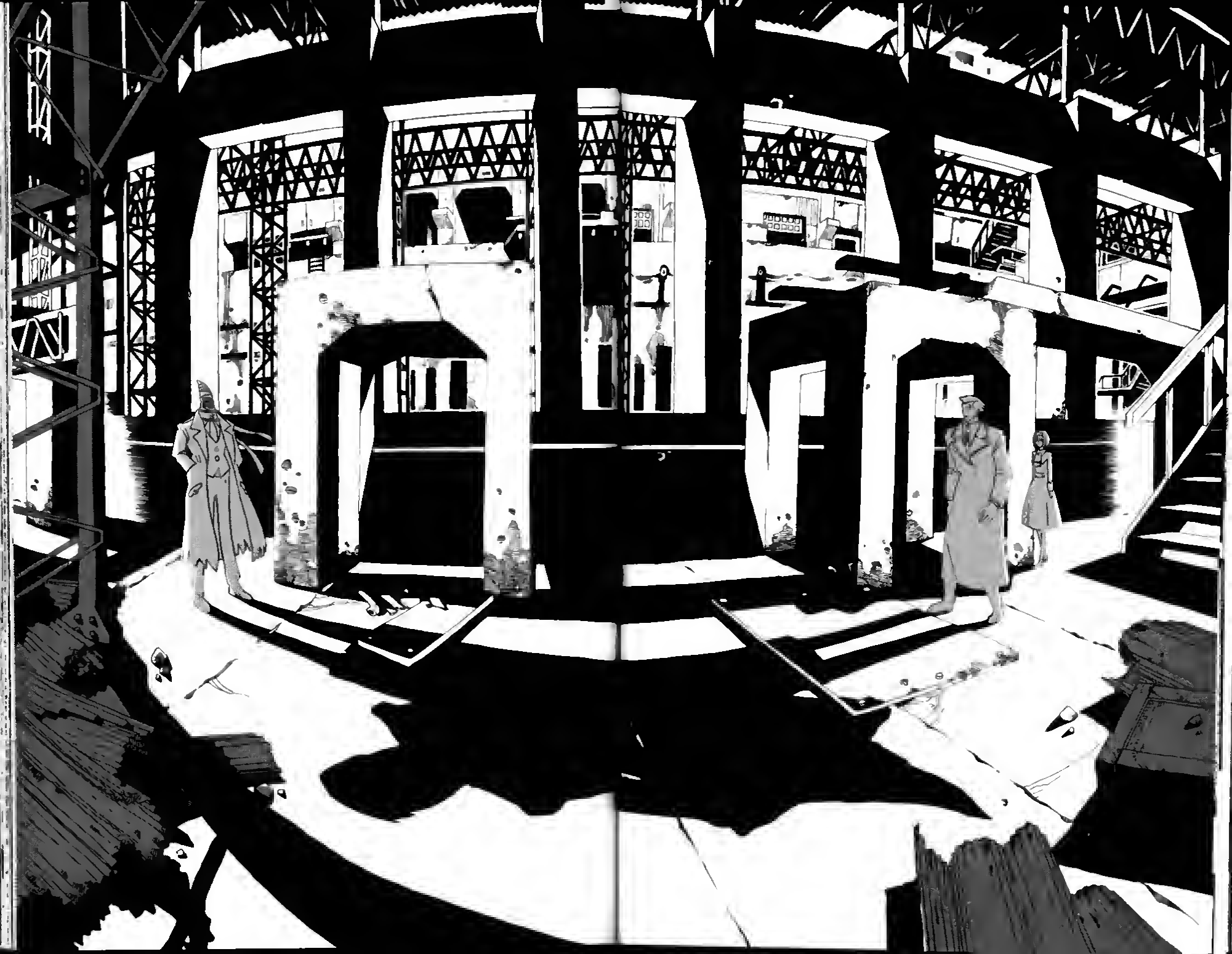

♫
.... The Sun will rise again
The Sun will rise on me
The Sun will rise again
a shining morning will come
♪

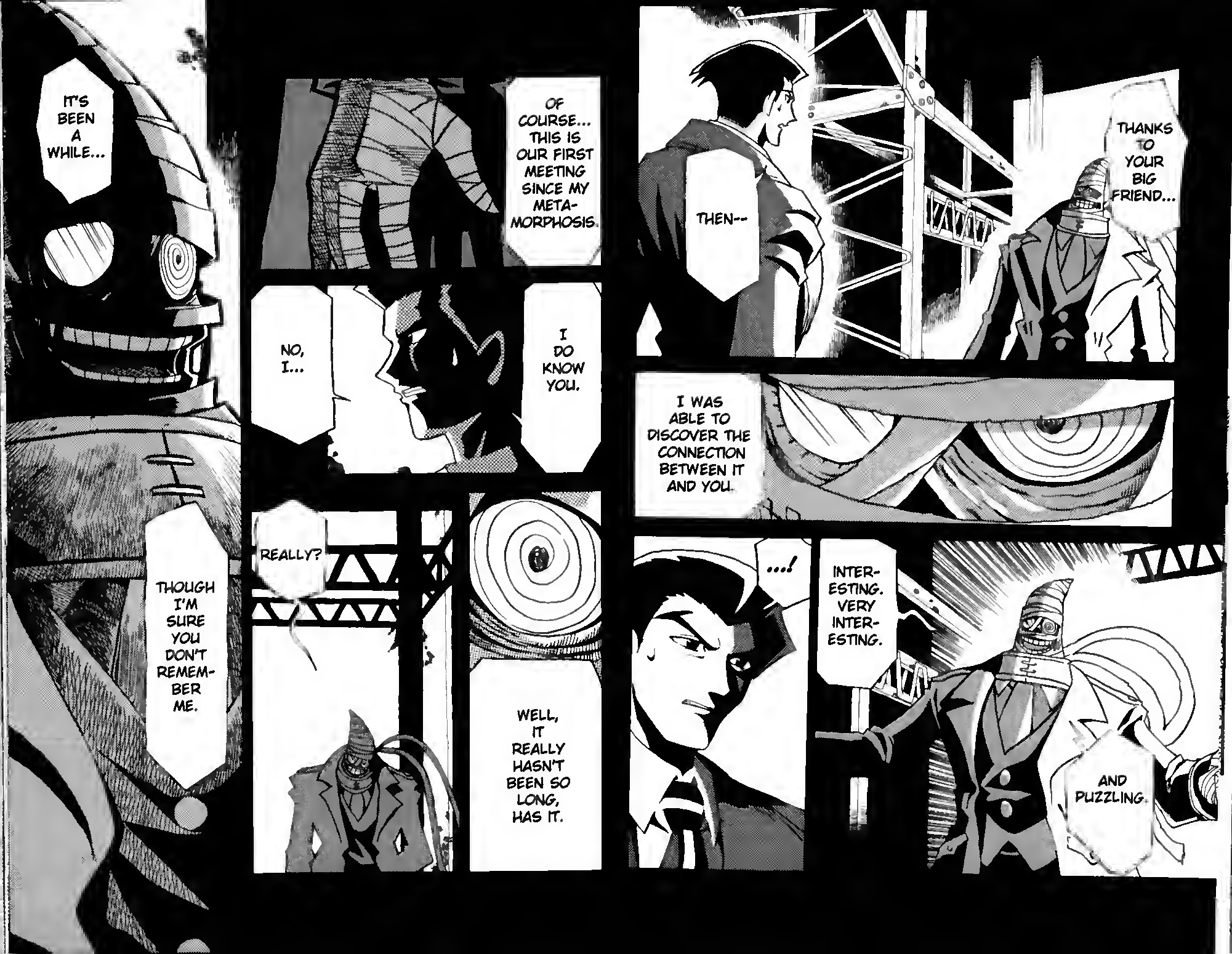
♪We lost our hopes and dreams some 40 years ago
♪We live our lives in twilight never knowing what we know♪
The Sun will rise again
♪


And shine its light on what we lost
We can't go anywhere,
We can't get where we're going
Cause we don't know where we're from


ARE YOU SURE THIS IS THE PLACE?
THIS IS THE ADDRESS.
.....
KLAK AK AK
YOU CAME.

KLAK AK AK
YOU PITIFUL DOG...
KLAK AK AK
THIS ROTTEN CITY KEEPS YOU ON A TIGHT LEASH...
KLAK AK AK
KLAK AK AK




IT'S BEEN A WHILE...
THOUGH I'M SURE YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME.
REALLY?
WELL, IT REALLY HASN'T BEEN SO LONG, HAS IT.
NO, I...
I DO KNOW YOU.
OF COURSE... THIS IS OUR FIRST MEETING SINCE MY METAMORPHOSIS.
THEN--
THANKS TO YOUR BIG FRIEND...
I WAS ABLE TO DISCOVER THE CONNECTION BETWEEN IT AND YOU.
...!
INTERESTING. VERY INTERESTING.
AND PUZZLING.

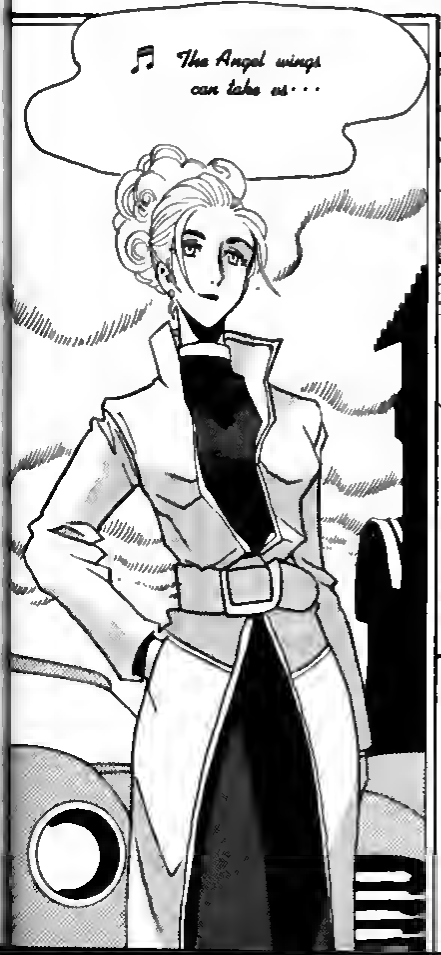
YOU CAN OPERATE IT...
BUT THE WAY YOU USE IT MAKES NO SENSE. PUZZLING INDEED.
...
I'M PUZZLED, TOO.
WHO ARE YOU? WHY ARE YOU HERE INSTEAD OF OUR CLIENT?

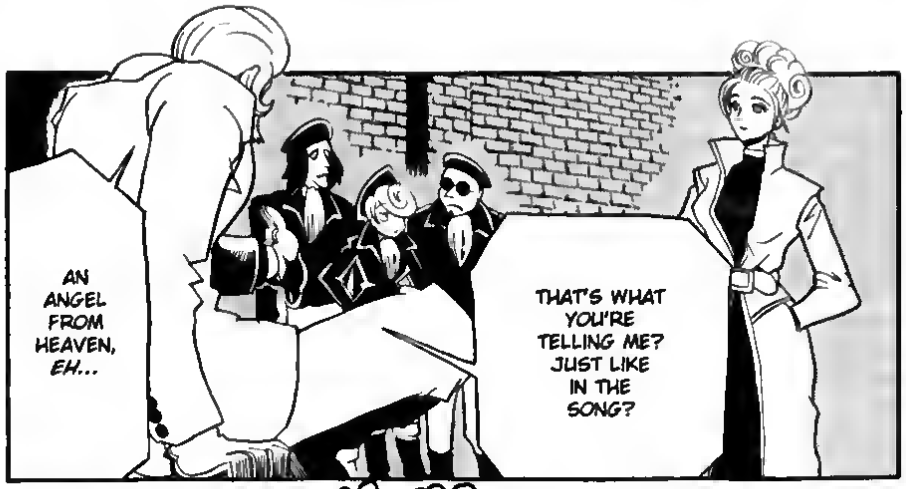
YOUR GUARDIAN KNOWS VERY WELL WHO I AM.
BUT YOUR CLIENT...
...IS DEAD.
WHAT !?
...WE SHALL MEET AGAIN.
WHEN THE TIME COMES...
AND I WILL INSTRUCT YOU...
IN ITS PROPER USAGE.

THE CLIENT WAS DEAD JUST LIKE HE SAID.

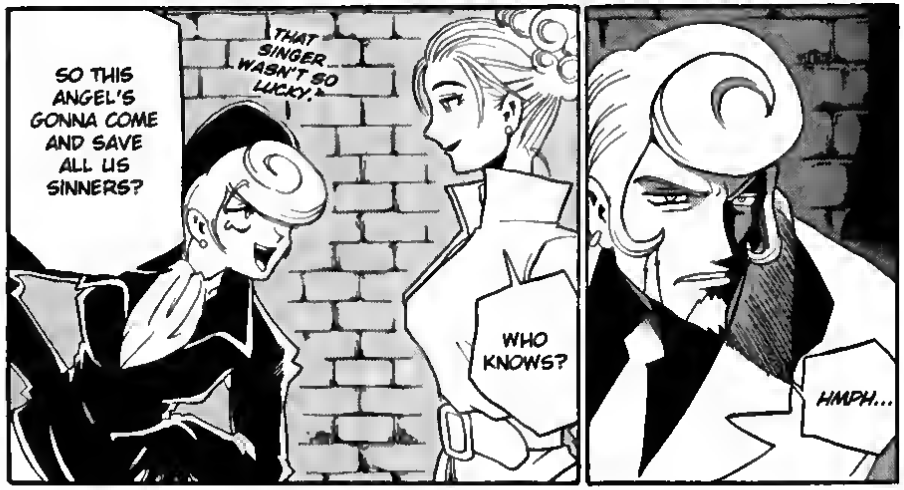
THEY CALLED IT SUICIDE. AFTER HER DEATH, THEY PLAYED THE SONG EVEN MORE, ALL OVER THE CITY...

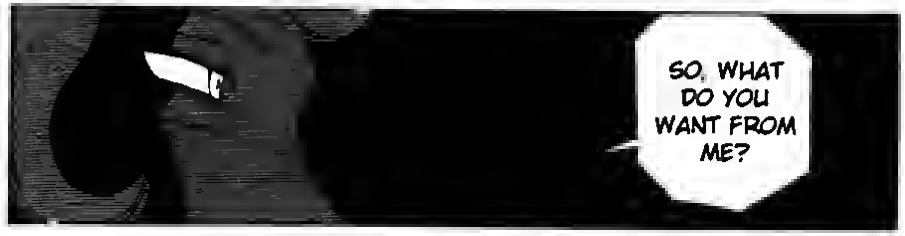
♪ And we will find what we lost
The Angel will lead us to the right place ♬
SOME SAID THE ANGELS CALLED HER HOME TO PARADISE...
HER DEATH HAD TURNED IT INTO SOMETHING MORE THAN JUST A SONG... IT HAD BECOME A HYMN...

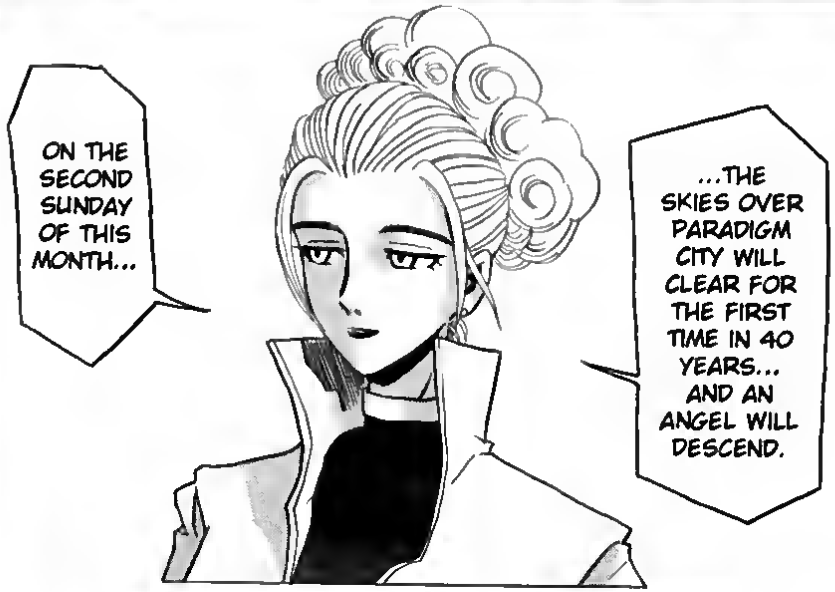



AN ANGEL FROM HEAVEN, EH...
THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE TELLING ME? JUST LIKE IN THE SONG?

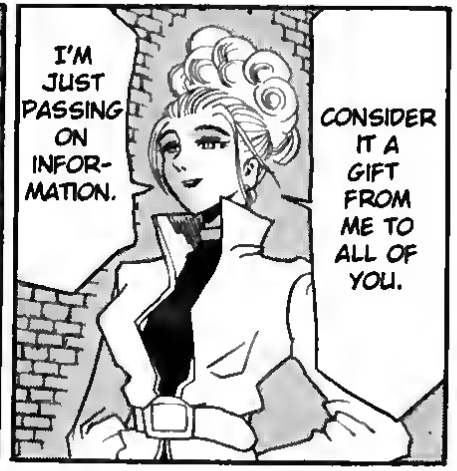
YES.
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA


SO THIS ANGEL'S GONNA COME AND SAVE ALL US SINNERS?
THAT SINGER... WASN'T SO LUCKY.
WHO KNOWS?
HMPH...


SO, WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?


ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THIS MONTH...
...THE SKIES OVER PARADIGM CITY WILL CLEAR FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 40 YEARS... AND AN ANGEL WILL DESCEND.

CLEAR SKIES!? THE SUN'S GONNA RISE LIKE THE SONG SAYS!


I'M JUST PASSING ON INFOR-MATION.
CONSIDER IT A GIFT FROM ME TO ALL OF YOU.

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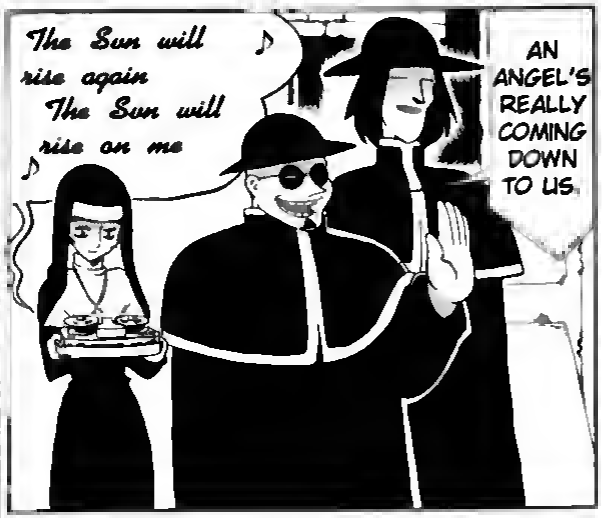
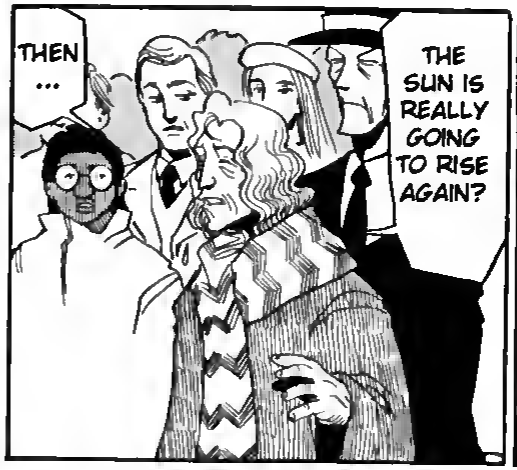
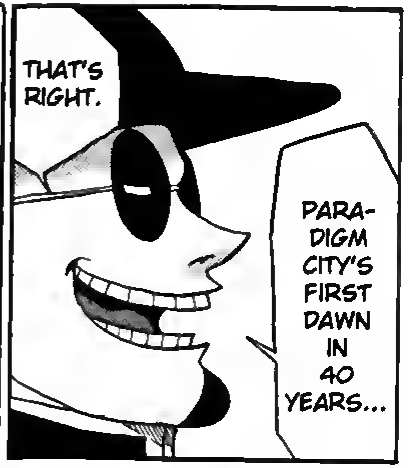
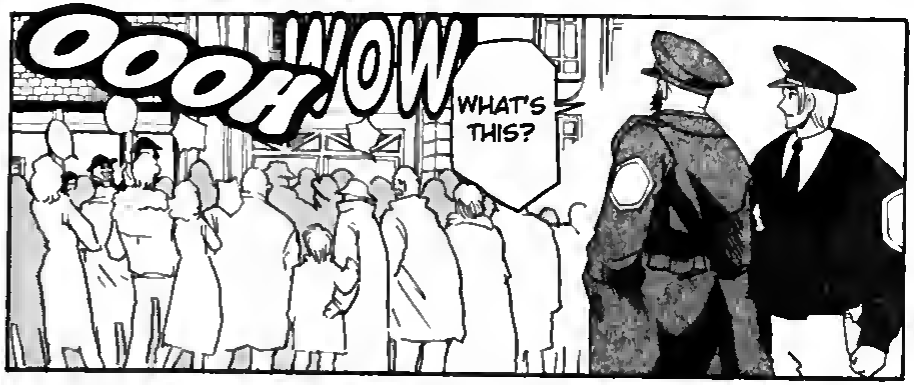

The Sun will rise again
The Sun will rise on me
AN ANGEL'S REALLY COMING DOWN TO US.

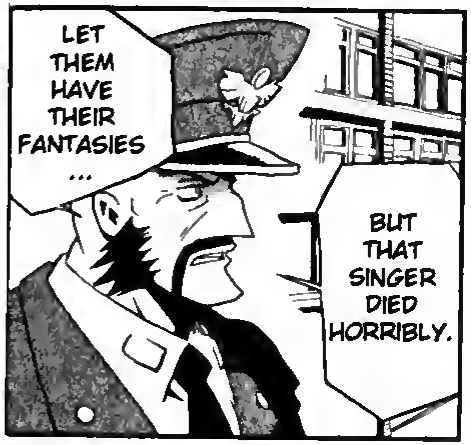
THE SONG... IS TELLING THE TRUTH.
The Sun will rise
A Shining morning will come

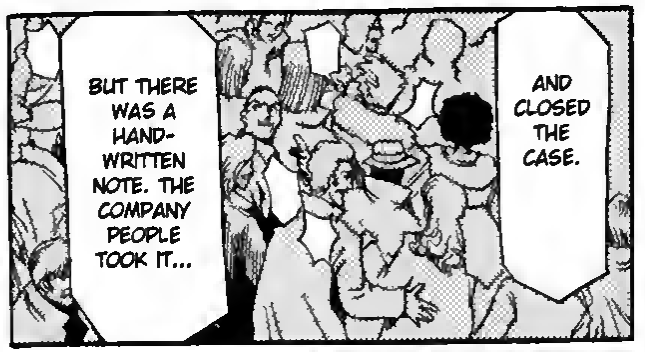

THEN ...
THE SUN IS REALLY GOING TO RISE AGAIN?

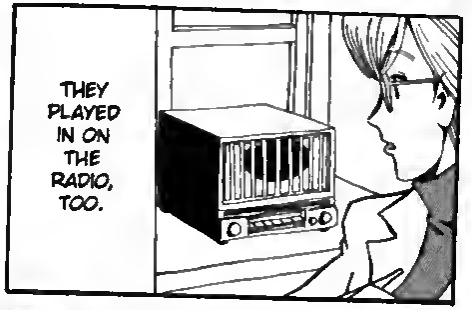

THAT'S RIGHT.
PARA-DIGM CITY'S FIRST DAWN IN 40 YEARS...


OOOH
WOW
WHAT'S THIS?

THEY THINK AN ANGEL IS COMING-- FOR REAL!
RIDICULOUS.

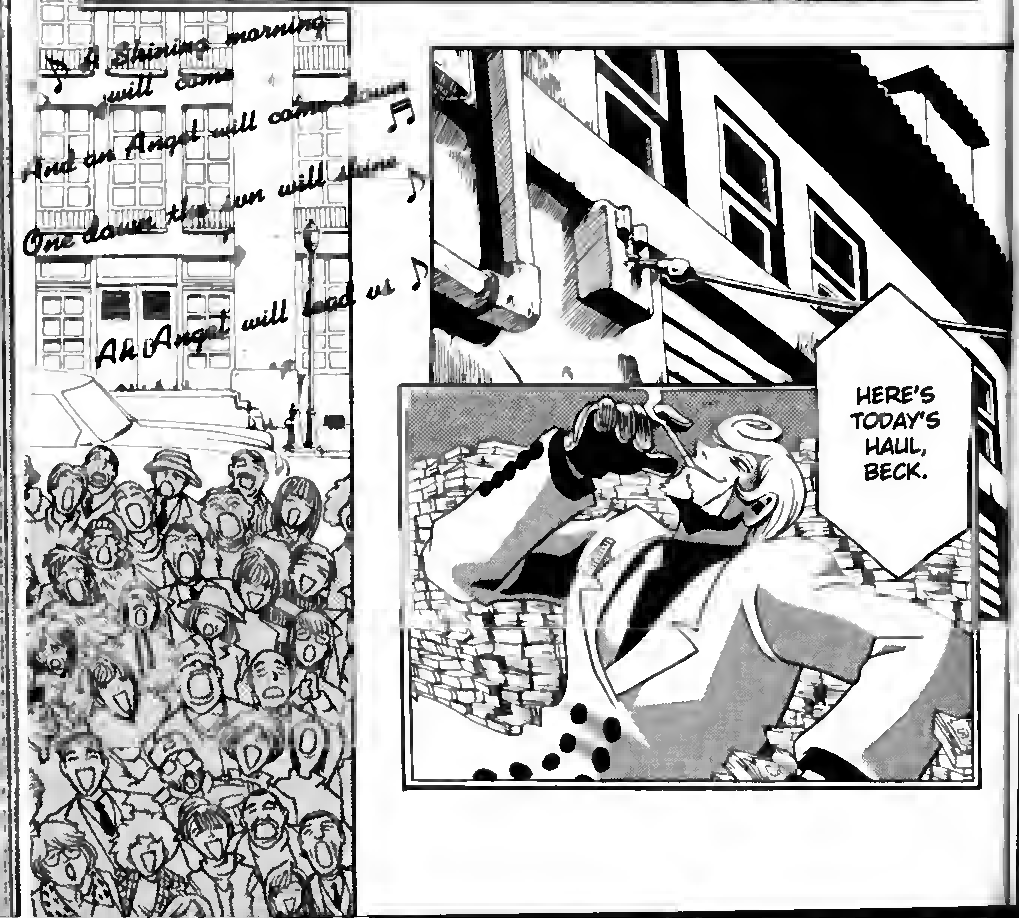

LET THEM HAVE THEIR FANTASIES ...
BUT THAT SINGER DIED HORRIBLY.

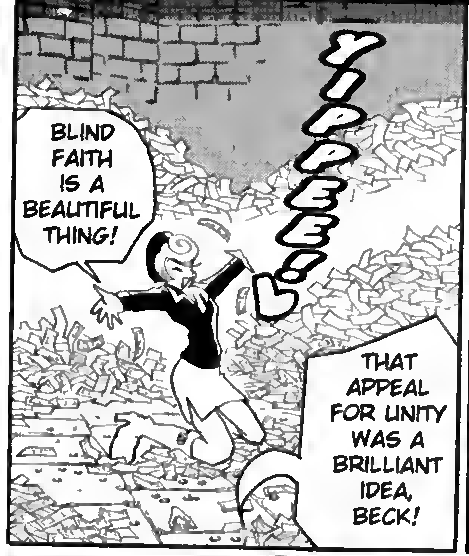




TOMORROW LOOK FOR CLEAR SKIES.

NOW, PEOPLE!
LET US WELCOME THE ANGEL!
. . . The Sun will rise again
The Sun will rise on me
The Sun will rise again
A Shining morning will come ♪


♪ A Shining morning will come
And an Angel will come down
One dawn the sun will shine
An Angel will lead us ♪
HERE'S TODAY'S HAUL, BECK.


YIPEE!
BLIND FAITH IS A BEAUTIFUL THING!
THAT APPEAL FOR UNITY WAS A BRILLIANT IDEA, BECK!

"IF EVERYONE CONTRIBUTES TOGETHER IN UNITY...
THE ANGEL WILL CERTAINLY DESCEND UPON US..."

YEAH, RIGHT! AND NOTHING SAYS UNITY LIKE A BIG DONATION!
hee hee
PEOPLE SURE ARE LOOSE WITH MONEY WHEN THEY THINK THEY'RE BRIBING AN ANGEL!

THE "WEATHER FORECASTS" WERE A GREAT IDEA, TOO.
HA HA HA
OUR ANGEL HAS SURELY BLESSED US!
I JUST WONDER WHAT HER SCHEME IS.

♪ The Sun will rise again
The Sun will rise on one
The Sun will rise again
A shining morning will come ♪
THIS IS SQUAD C! THE FLOOD OF PEOPLE IS ENDLESS...

We lost our hopes and dreams some 40 years ago
We live our lives in twilight never knowing what we know
♪ The Sun will rise again
WE'RE GOING TO THE ROOF!
WE SHALL WELCOME THE ANGEL THERE!

And shine its light on what we lost

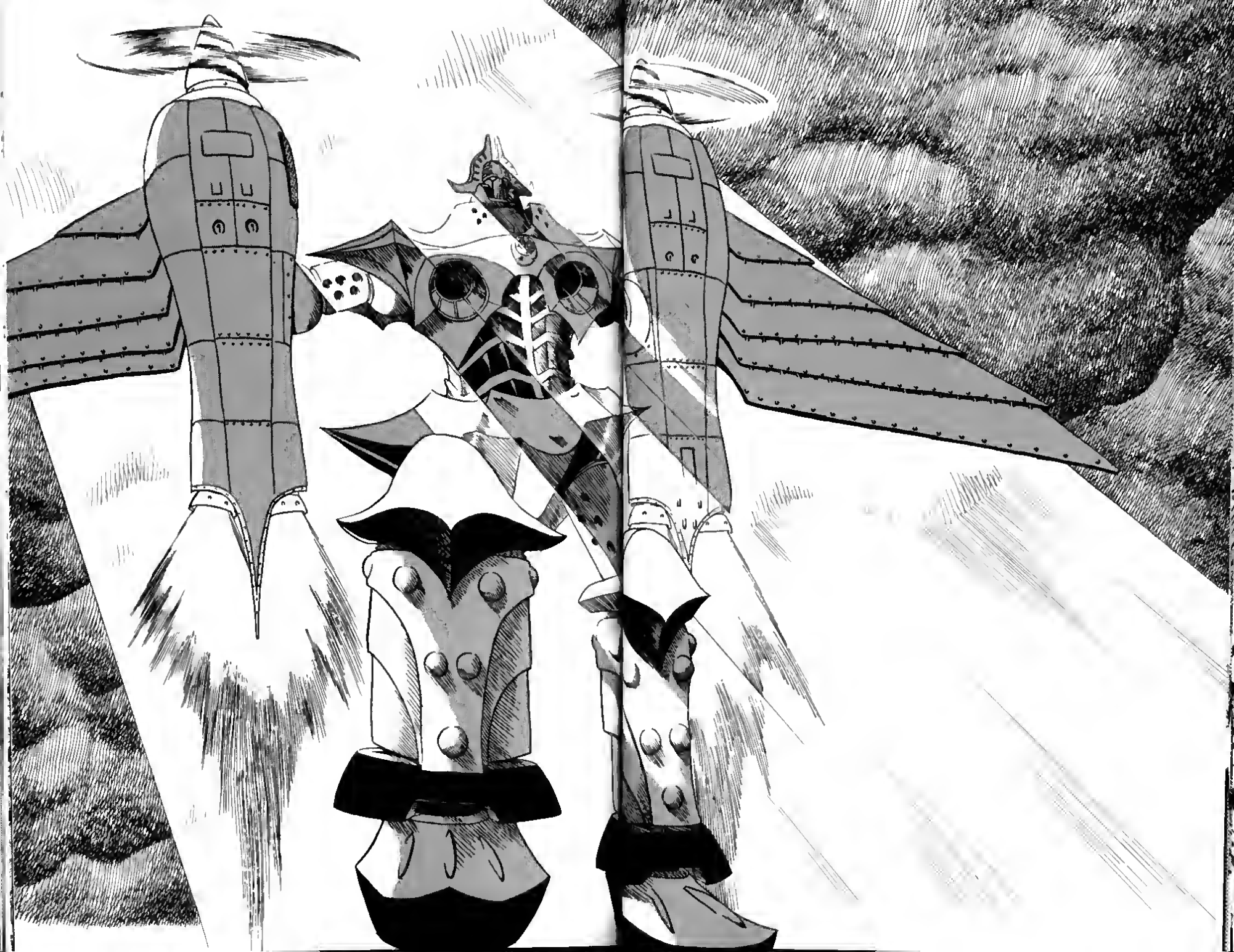
We can't go anywhere,
We can't know where we're going
'Cause we don't know where we're from

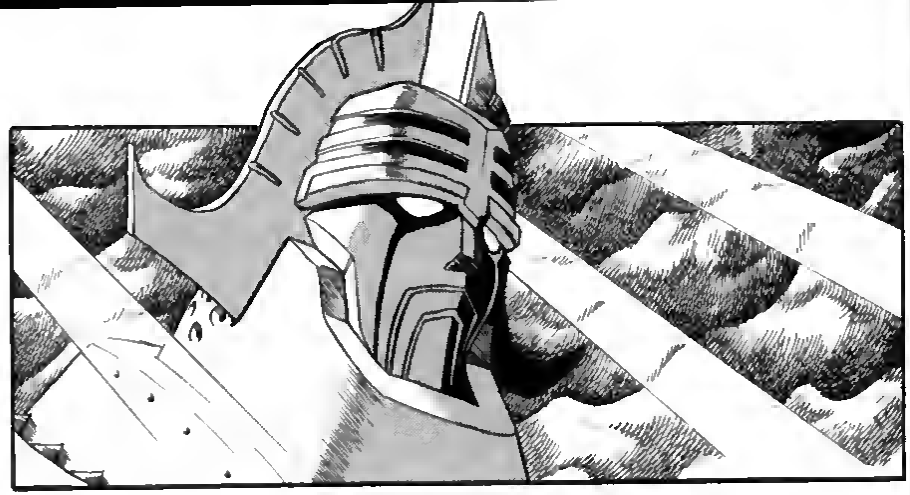
I want to know the truth ♪

I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.

♪ The Sun will rise again
A Shining morning will come
♪ One dawn the sun will shine ♪
And an Angel will come down
An Angel will lead us
WELCOME
ANGEL
♪ And we will find what we lost
The Angel will lead us to the right place
Angel wings can take us . . . ♪

UNITED BELIEVERS!
THE DAY DAWNS!
♪The Sun will rise again
The Sun will rise on me
The Sun will rise again
A Shining morning comes♪
...THIS MIRACULOUS MORNING!
LET'S SHOW OUR UNITY IN WELCOMING...
LOOK ...
♪One day, on a sunny day
An Angel comes down
An Angel leads me.
VEEN





GASP!
IT'S...
THE ANGEL...

THE ANGEL!
SAVE US!
PLEASE, SAVE US!

IT...
IT'S REALLY COMING DOWN...

AAAAA

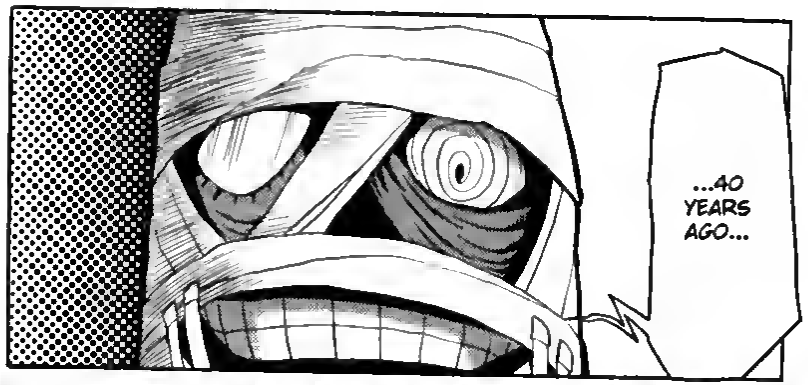
KA-BOOM
WHA...
AAH!
EEE!
NO!
HELP!
GAAH!
WAAH
FOOLS...

EXAAH
THE ANGEL ...
THAT'S NO ANGEL!
TELL SQUAD D TO GET THESE PEOPLE TO SHELTER!
THE OTHER SQUADS ...
MAJOR!
KRAK
WOOO

...!
HOW DO WE FIGHT A FLYING MONSTER LIKE THAT?

BECK SAID TO DUCK OUT, BUT...
I NEVER EXPECTED ...

WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?


...40 YEARS AGO...

SOMETHING CHANGED THE WORLD!
...I'LL SHOW YOU THE POWER THAT DID IT! MEET THE BIG DUO!

KILLING
CAST IN THE NAME OF GOD...
YE NOT GUILTY!
ACTION!
!
KRASH!
...THERE THEY ARE...
THE OTHER "BIG" THING!
..AND ROGER SMITH!

KA
HOOM
FSSSH!

The SUN will rise again
The SUN will rise on me

The SUN will rise again
A shining morning will come

We lost our hopes and dreams some 40 years ago
We live our lives in twilight never knowing what we know

The SUN will rise again
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I want to know the truth

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One dawn the SUN will shine
And an angel will come down

An angel will lead us

And we will find what we lost
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Angel wings can take us...

SCHWARZWALD...
THESE MACHINES...!
THOSE RUMORS OF ANGELS!
THE BLACK MEGA-DEUS...

AND THE RED MEGA-DEUS...
WHOOM
THEY'RE DESTROYING ANGELS!

KRANG

KAROOM
UNH!
HEH...
KLIK
VREEN
BOOM!
VREEN
HUH....
THE BLACK MEGA-DELUS...

BA-WOOSH
KLANG
THWURR
fwoom
fwoom
fwoom
fwoom
fwoom

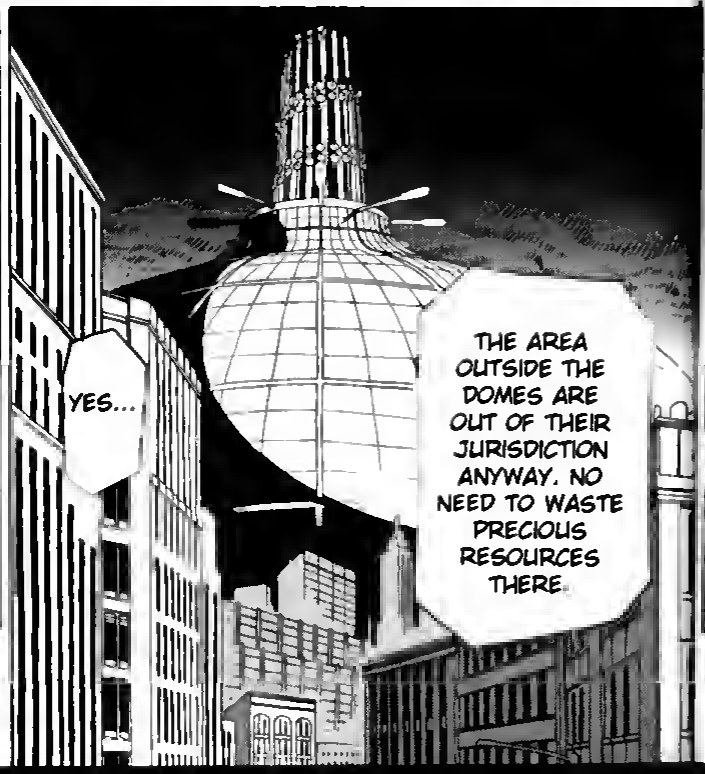
CHAK
DOW DOW
DOW DOW
KABOOOOM

REE
FEEEE
RONRR
ARG! GET THOSE PEOPLE TO COVER!
MAJOR!

SIR, ABOUT THE REIN-FORCE-MENTS ...
THE CROWD'S PANICKING. WE NEED THOSE MEN! WHERE ARE THEY!?
UH, WELL, SIR...
THEY'RE NOT COMING !?

HOW ARE WE TO DEAL WITH TWO MEGA-DEUSES AND THESE PANIC-STRICKEN MASSES!?
I DON'T CARE WHAT THE CHIEF SAYS! DO IT ON MY AUTHORITY!
TH-THAT'S NOT THE PROB-LEM!

YOU MEAN ...
THE COM-PANY !?


YES...
THE AREA OUTSIDE THE DOMES ARE OUT OF THEIR JURISDICTION ANYWAY. NO NEED TO WASTE PRECIOUS RESOURCES THERE.

BESIDES, MAJOR DASTUN IS USED TO THIS KIND OF THING.
LET HIM DEAL WITH IT...

NOW THEN...

LET'S SEE WHAT THIS POWER OF OLD IS...

TO BE

VROOOM
BRM BRM BRM BRM BRM BRM BRM
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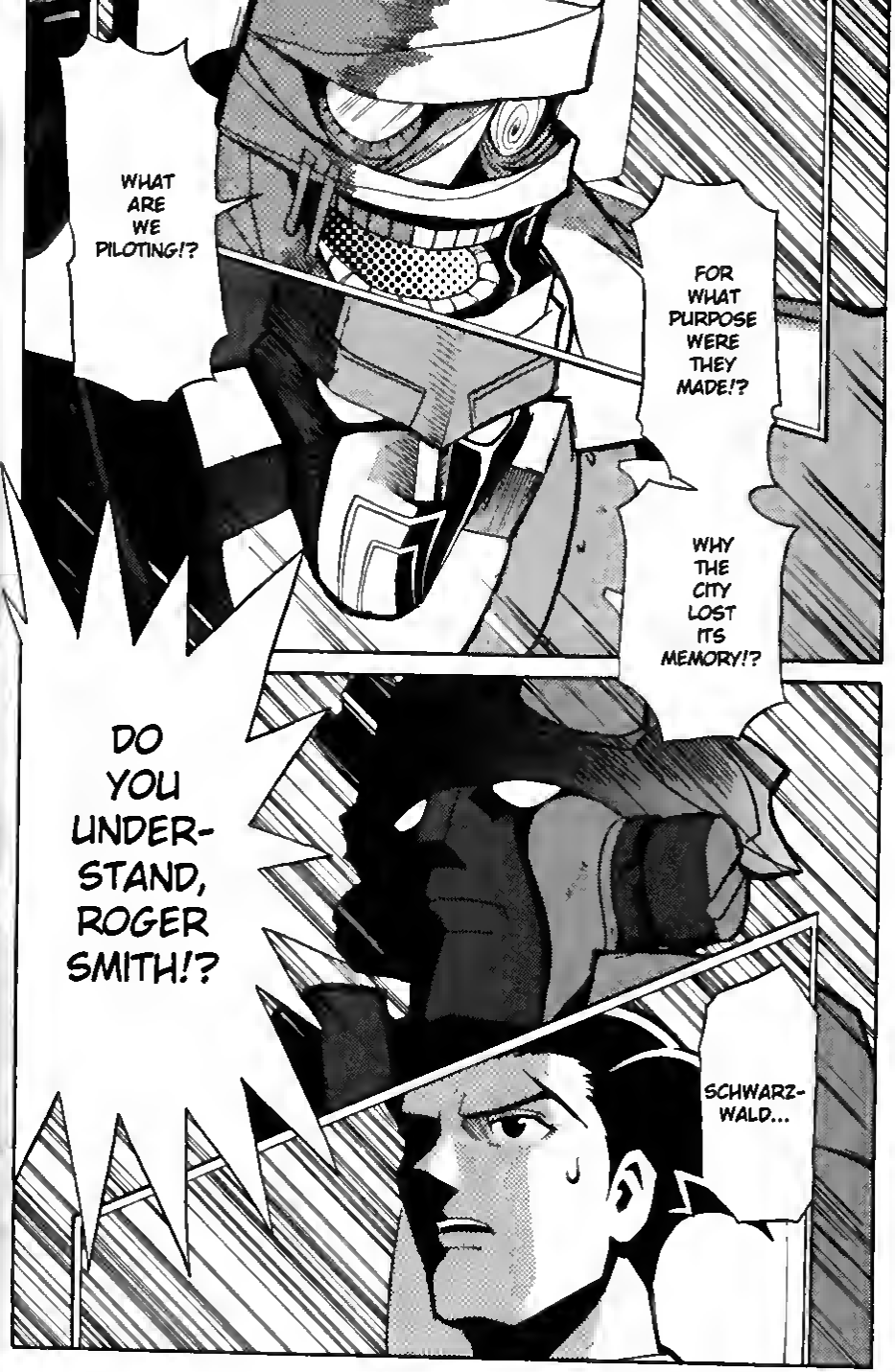
WHOOOM
DO YOU UNDER-STAND, ROGER SMITH!?


WHAT ARE WE PILOTING!?
FOR WHAT PURPOSE WERE THEY MADE!?
WHY THE CITY LOST ITS MEMORY!?
DO YOU UNDER-STAND, ROGER SMITH!?
SCHWARZ-WALD...

IT'S SO VERY CLEAR!
THESE ARE VEHICLES OF THE GODS!
ONLY THE CHOSEN ONES CAN PILOT THEM!
CAST IN THE NAME OF GOD...
YE... NOT GUILTY.

KRASH
AND THIS POWER...
KRAK
KLANK
KLANK

WAS CREATED FOR ONLY ONE PURPOSE! DESTRUCTION!
KHRRR
SHUNK
SHUNK

BOM
BOM
BOM
BOM
BOM

THIS DIVINE POWER WAS UN-LEASHED

IT WAS TOO MUCH FOR THE CITY TO COPE WITH, AND ALL WAS LOST.

THAT'S THE BEST YOU CAN DO?
WHAT !?

WOOSH

KA-WHAM

THOOM

YOU CALL THAT AN ANSWER?
IF THIS CITY LOST EVERYTHING 40 YEARS AGO BECAUSE OF THIS BIG POWER OF YOURS, THEN WHY ARE WE HERE NOW!?

IF YOU'RE RIGHT, THEN NONE OF US SHOULD BE HERE.
IT'S TRUE THAT PARADIGM CITY IS IMPERFECT...
THOOM
THE MEMORIES OF THE CITY AND ITS PEOPLE ARE INCOMPLETE...
BUT SO WHAT?
THOOM THOOM
THUDD

THOOM THOOM
THAT'S NOT THE REAL PROBLEM.
THOOM THOOM
SHOOM
CHANG
THE CITY, YOU AND I, AND THESE MEGADEUS MACHINES STILL EXIST!

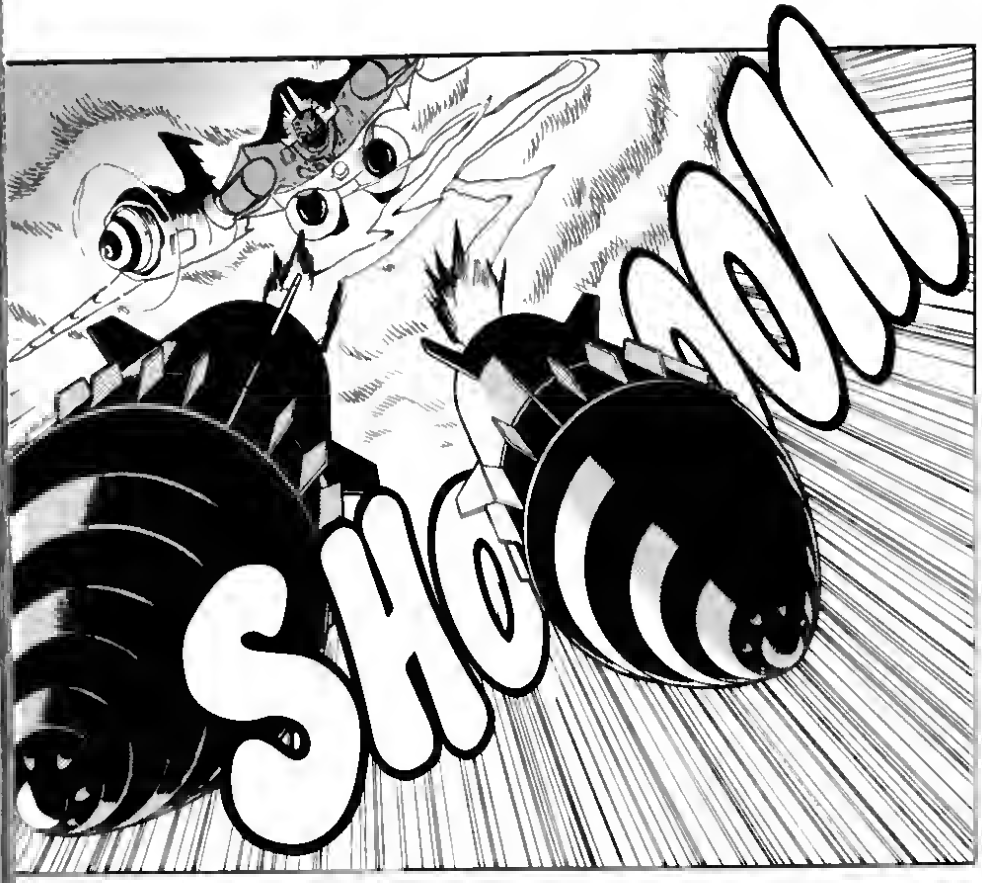
WHATEVER HAPPENED IN THE PAST, WE'RE HERE TODAY!
WHOOOSH
KLANG
KLANG
KLANK
AND THERE WILL BE A TOMORROW, WITH OR WITHOUT OUR MEMORIES!

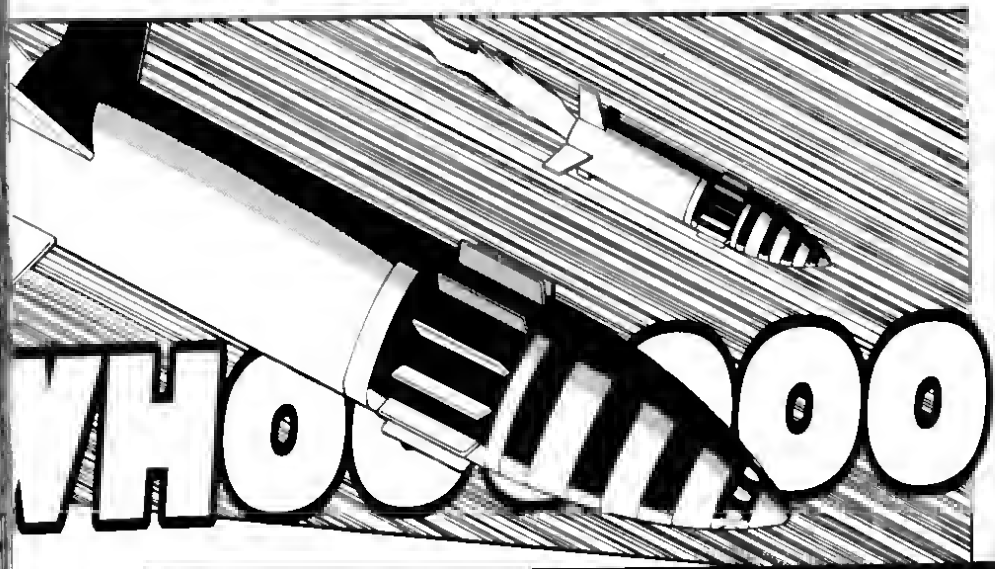
KLANG
THE CITIZENS OF PARADIGM CITY HAVE TO KEEP MOVING FOWARD! IF WE TURN BACK WE'LL BECOME GHOSTS-- LIKE YOU!
KRANG
AND GHOSTS HAVE NO PLACE IN THIS WORLD!
KRANG

!
WOOOOM
KRAASH

YOU'RE RIGHT...
...ROGER SMITH. THE CITY STILL EXISTS...
VERY TRUE...

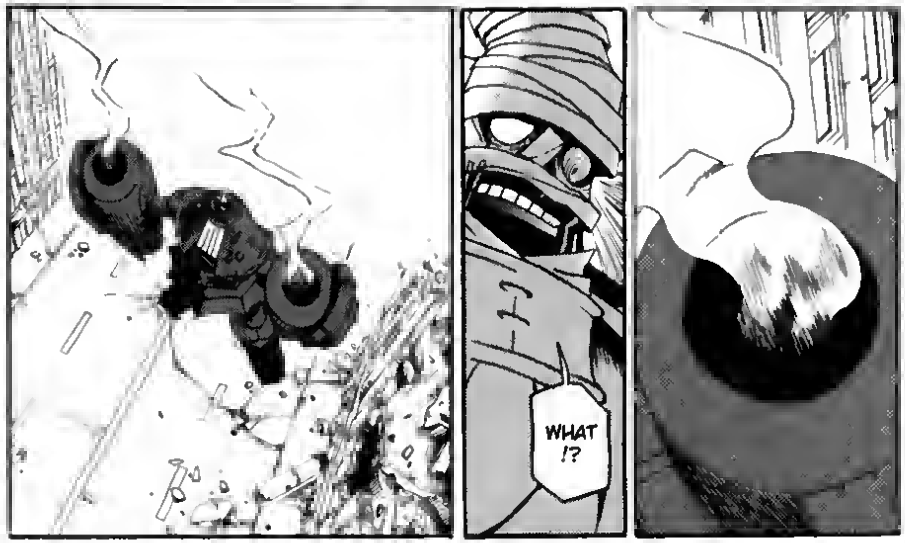
BUT THE BIG DUO AND I EXIST, TOO!
JUST LOOK DOWN THERE!
UWRRR
Ka-CHAK
YES, LET ALL THE CITY'S INHABITANTS BEAR WITNESS! THE FINAL ACT OF THE DRAMA THAT BEGAN 40 YEARS AGO!
!
SCHWARMED!
WITNESS THE MOMENT OF TRUTH!
ROGER SMITH!
KUK!


SHOOOH

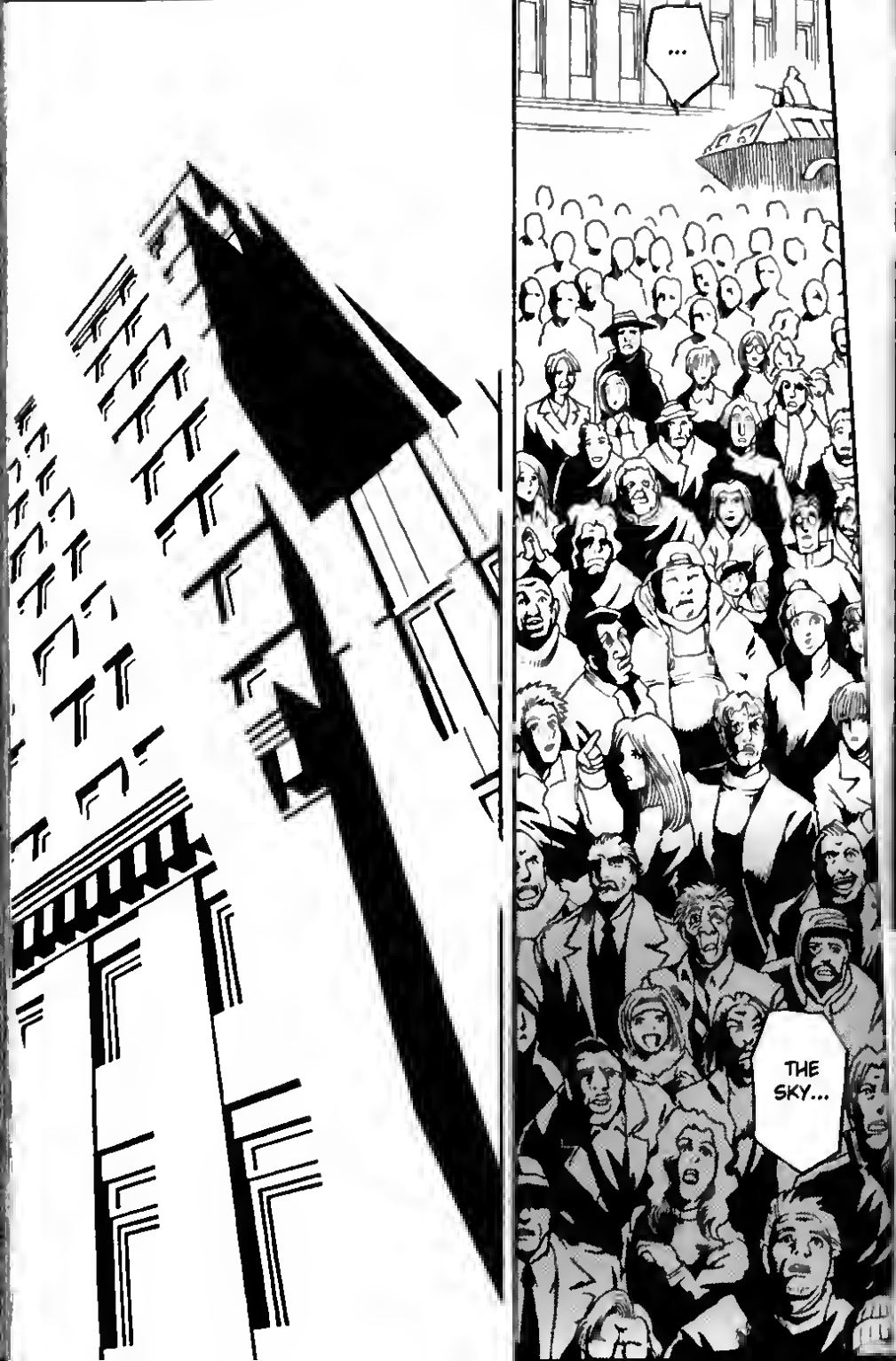

WHOOOOO

I'LL SHOW YOU THE BIGGEST POWER OF THEM ALL!
AND THE WORLD WILL FINALLY BE AS IT SHOULD BE!

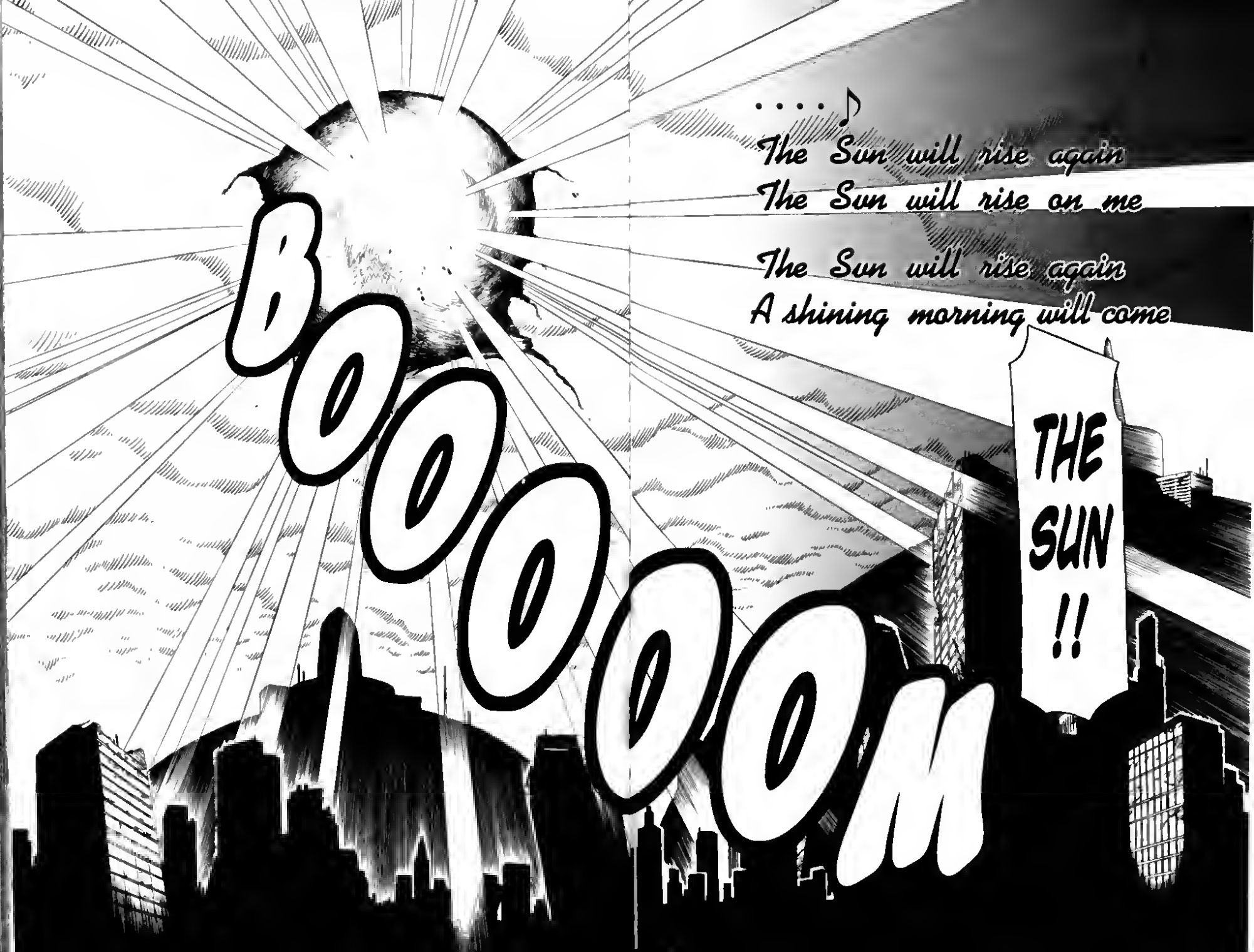
IN ITS PROPER STATE!


WHAT !?

IT CAN'T END LIKE ...
flash


...
THE SKY...

WHOOOM
...
THAT POOR REPORTER ...


BOOOOM
THE SUN !!
.....♪
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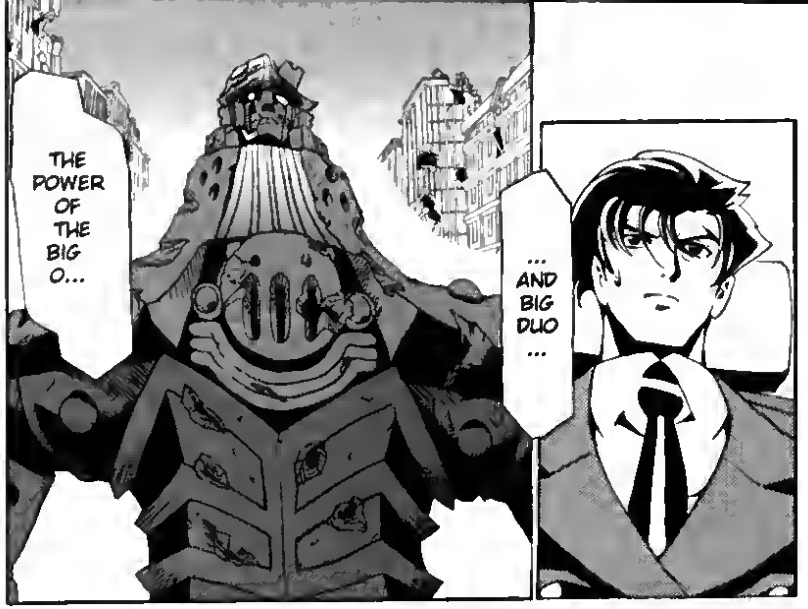
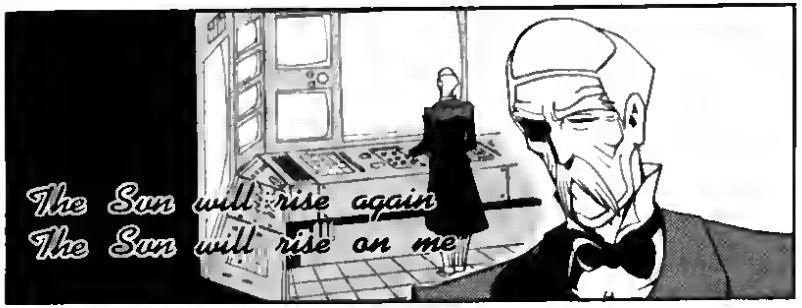
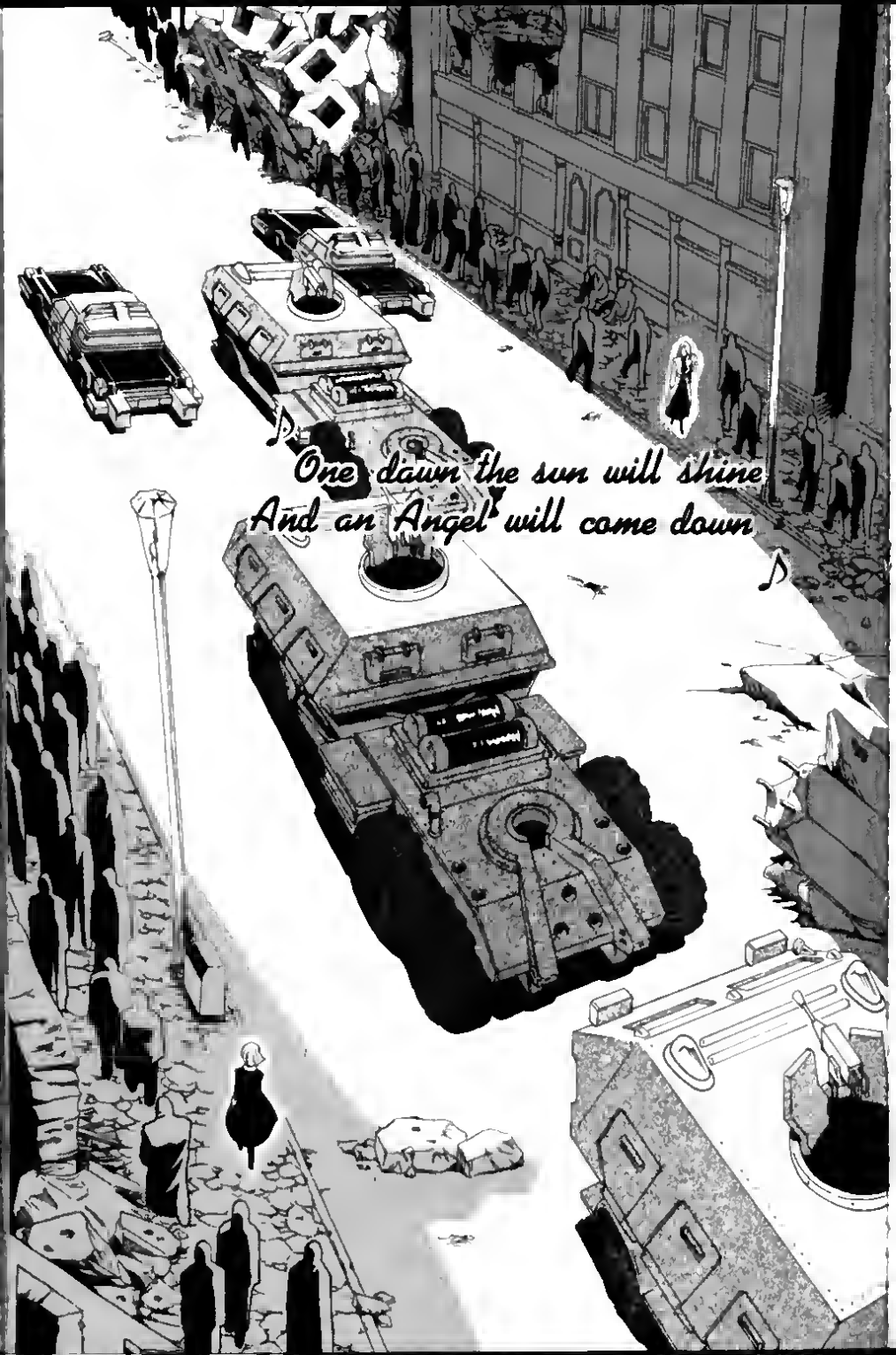
THE WAY ...
THE WORLD SHOULD BE...


THE POWER OF THE BIG O...
... AND BIG DUO ...


The Sun will rise again
The Sun will rise on me

I'VE FINALLY SEEN THE LIGHT, THANKS TO YOU TWO...
The Sun will rise again
A shining morning will come
MR. REPORTER AND MR. NEGOTIATOR.



The Angel wings . . . .♪

The Big O:

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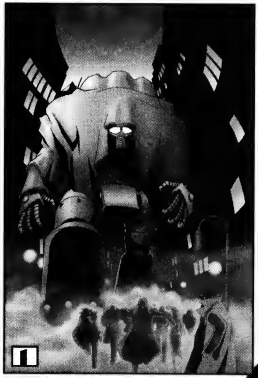

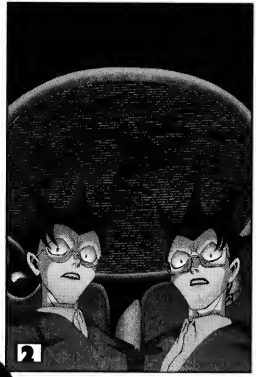

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